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## U.S. Scientists Find a 'Holy Grail': Ripples at Edge of the Universe

LOS ANGELES - A NASA satellite has found huge ripples of matter near what is believed to be the edge of the universe, a momentous discovery that explains how stars and galaxies evolved from the "big bang"

that created the cosmos, scientists say.
"What we have found is evidence for the birth of the universe," said George Smoot, an astrophysicist at Lawrence Berkeley Laboramay and the University of California at

Berkeley.
The discovery by NASA's Cosmic Background Explorer spacecraft caps a long quest for the solution to one of science's most vexing puzzles: How did matter that was uniformly spread out in the newborn universe start clumping together to produce stars, galaxies and clusters of galaxies?

Mr. Smoot and colleagues announced the finding Thursday at a meeting of the American Physical Society in Washington.

A physicist at the University of California

at Santa Cruz, Joel Primack, said that if the research was confirmed, "it's one of the mafor discoveries of the century." "In fact," he added, "it's one of the major discoveries of science."

Michael Turner, a University of Chicago physicist, called the discovery "unbelievably

"The significance of this cannot be over-stated," he said. "They have found the Holy Grail of cosmology, If it is indeed correct, this certainly would have to be considered for

Mr. Smoot said the ripples, which are ex-tremely wispy clouds of matter, are the largest and most ancient structures in the universe," stretching as long as 59 billion

trillion miles and dating to almost 15 billion

That's only 300,000 years after the Big Bang, the cataclysmic explosion scientists

believe created the universe, he said.

The ripples were created by the universe's rapid expansion after the Big Bang, Mr. Smoot said. Once the ripples formed, according to the theory, gravity made increasing amounts of matter clump together, eventually creating galaxies, stars and clusters of

"What we have found solves a major mystery, revealing for the first time the primeval seeds that developed into the modern unisaid John Mather, chief scientist of the \$400 million mission at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt.

"It tells us how the universe developed from an almost featureless explosion to something that's been broken up into huge clusters of galaxies and huge empty spaces."

Evidence collected by the satellite also supports the theory that up to 90 percent of the universe is made of invisible "dark matter" that scientists haven't yet been able to identify, Mr. Smoot said.

Decisive. Nobel Prize-winning evidence supporting the Big Bang theory was discovered in 1964 when Arno A. Penzias and Robert W. Wilson detected the Big Bang's "afterglow" — microwaves known as cosmic background radiation.

The Earth-orbiting Cosmic Background Explorer spacecraft has made more than 300 million measurements since its 1989 launch-

Those variations - only about thirty millionths of a degree - represent slight differences in the density of matter at the edge of the universe, basically ripples of wispy clouds surrounded by slightly less dense matter. Mr. Smoot said.

The smallest ripples stretch across 500 million light-years of space, or about 2.9 billion trillion miles, Mr. Smoot said. Until now, he added, the largest known structure in the universe was the "great wall." an arc of galaxies about 200 million light-years long.

Since the ripples were created almost 15 billion years ago, their radiation has been traveling toward Earth at the speed of light. By detecting the radiation, the Cosmic Background Explorer is "a wonderful time machine" able to view the young universe. Mr.

## German Data Renew Fears On Inflation And Recovery

## Surge in Money Supply Dims European Outlook On Interest Rate Cuts

By Richard E. Smith

FRANKFURT - Hopes for an early cut in European interest rates to stimulate economic growth receded on Thursday as Germany reported a potentially inflationary surge in its money supply last month.

The unexpected increase in Germany's chief barometer of monetary growth — to an annual rate of 9.75 percent — signaled that the Bundesbank was unlikely to be able to relax its record high interest rates soon.

Analysis said this in turn would make it difficult for other European countries to reduce their interest rates to spur economic recovery.

The Bundesbank's announcement of the surge in money supply led to sharp losses on the German bond markets and soured the stock exchanges.

In Washington, Treasury Undersecretary David C. Mulford criticized high German inter-est rates, saying they jeopardized world economic growth.

He said that Germany should consider reducing its budget deficit, which has ballooned because of the costs of unification with East Germany. Such a move, he added, would give the German central bank the leeway to cut

He warned that, in monetary terms, "the true cost of unification has still to be borne."

Although the International Monetary Fund strongly urged Germany on Wednesday to cut rates, and other calls looked certain to be made at this weekend's meeting in Washington of the Group of Seven leading industrial countries. economists said the new figure suggested that the overstretched German economy may need a straitjacket of high rates well into next year.

In its latest World Economic Outlook, the IMF said Wednesday that the Bundesbank's monetary policies, including high interest rates. had recently been "a restraining factor" on

With their currencies linked to the Deutsche mark in the European Monetary System, other European countries are obliged to conform to German's strict interest-rate policy despite their desire for faster economic expansion.

France, in particular, is now unlikely to be able to reduce interest rates this spring as many analysts had expected. "Today's figure does not help the case for a broader European recovery." said Stephen

King, economist with James Capel & Co. in London. "People will be feeling depressed after seeing this number."

The figure released Thursday for the M-3 money supply underpinned the growing pessimism that has led a number of economists to doubt that any Bundesbank rate cuts can be

made until late this year or in 1993. It showed that M-3, which comprises cash in circulation and key categories of bank deposits, rose at an annual rate of 9.75 percent in March. up from 8.5 percent in February and 9.0 percent in January. The markets generally had been expecting a rate of 8 percent.

The Bundesbank's target for monetary growth stipulates that it should be from 3.5

percent to 5.5 percent.

The Bundesbank said that the pace of monetary growth continued to be fueled mainly by the large volume of bank credit being absorbed both by businesses and individuals.

"The German economy is still absorbing a remarkable volume of credit in spite of high rates." said Brendan Brown, economist with Mitsubishi Finance in London, "Until interest rates come down and the bond markets are healthier, there will continue to be a lot of

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KABUL — Rival Afghan guerrilla factions KABUL — Kival Alguary guerrina sacratic scattled in influenced Kabul on Thursday as the government sought peace with hard-line fundamental-

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With their fighters positioned in the mountains and valleys around Kabul, groups bitterly

divided along ethnic and ideological lines

simpled quietly into the city, which raised the

chances of a violent showdown.

An Afghan vice president, General Mohammed Rafi, said he had met Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of the fundamentalist Islamie Party, in rebel-held territory south of Kabul on

Wednesday.

Mr. Hekmatyar, fearful that rival mujahidin

Mr. Hekmatyar, fearful that rival mujahidin forces to the north will form the next Afghan

The United States is trying to recover Sting missiles from Afghan rebels. Page 2.

government, has threatened to storm Kabul if the government does not surrender by Sunday.
"We discussed the ultimatum," General Rafi said at a news conference in Kabul, "And I'm optimistic that the talks have brought results.

The general said be and Mr. Hekmatyar also discussed a separate ultimatum that Mr. Hekmatyar has delivered to bis rivals in the north: that they leave the city's perimeter by the end of Thursday or face attack. He quoted Mr. Hekmatyar as saying that all Islamic forces should yield and cooperate; the remarks apparently indicated that his threat still stood.

General Rafi's optimism was not matched by the tone of a statement issued by the Islamic Party's news service in Pakistan. The news service said the general's helicopter had been allowed to land in Mr. Hekmatyar's territory so that he could personally receive the ultimatum to capitulate by Sunday.

There was no question of Mr. Hekmatyar's making a deal with "treacherous and atheist Communists," the news service said.

It also reported that Mr. Hekmatyar's guertillas, well equipped with U.S.-supplied arms, had fought their way within three kilometers (two miles) of Kabul airport and had captured 70 tanks about 12 kilometers south of the capital. Western reporters who went to the south of the city saw nothing to substantiate such asser-

The government takeover has been delayed by indecision among the factions on how to hare power and who should be the nation's

Mr. Helcmatyar, a Pushtum, is pitted against the mostly non-Pushtum forces of Ahmed Shah Masoud and his northern coalition, the Islamic Jihad Council Mr. Hekmatyar said there was

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GRIM TASK IN GUADALAJARA - Workers on Thursday removing a victim of sewer explosions in Guadalajara, Mexico, as the death toll rose above 200. Page 3.

## NATO as Peacekeeping Force: The Momentum Builds

PARIS - With remarkably little public debate, a plan for NATO to mount peacekeeping operations in Eastern Europe if needed in a future crisis is winning acceptance by the Unit-ed States, the European allies and Russia, Western officials say.

The proposal breaks with the traditional rule that the alliance should confine its military operations to Western Europe. It also expands the definition of NATO's defensive mission to include help in stabilizing Eastern Europe and possibly even parts of the former Soviet Union.

In contemplating the possibility of venturing into the former Communist zone of Eastern Europe, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is responding to calls by the new democra-

"No future Yugoslavias," a European official said in describing the intent of the plan to

drawal of Soviet forces.

harness NATO's military muscle behind the diplomacy of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, a political body that includes European nations, Russia and the United States.

filling the security vacuum left by the with-

A decision on this new NATO role, which would be carried out on a case-by-case basis, is expected at a meeting of the alliance's foreign ministers in Norway in June, and then at a summit meeting of leaders of the security conference states in Helsinki in July.

To contain ethnic or border conflicts. NATO forces could act more effectively than an inter-

national contingent assembled by the United Nations. NATO's planned new mobile rapid-reaction corps could send in a well-equipped force of up to 15,000 men within days of a request by the security conference.

The new mission for NATO, which was formally proposed by the Netherlands, is politically attractive in Washington and most other allied capitals because it would be a highly visible way of demonstrating that there is life after the Cold War for the alliance.

in Western capitals who worry that peacekeeping, especially if it involved cooperation with Russia, might dilute the alliance's basic military

Peacekeeping sounds innocuous, a U.S. am-bassador said, but, "it can get very political and

lied governments acknowledge, but they worry But that potential role also troubles planners

lense guarantee.

that the proposal could overextend NATO and ultimately accelerate U.S. disengagement. France publicly objects to any expansion of NATO, but French officials quietly indicate

conceivably blur public understanding and support for NATO as the West's ultimate de-

U.S. public opinion, he said might balk at

'sending forces into possible combat zones that

were not a U.S. war but a European scrap.

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Only NATO has the tools needed for the

likely peacekeeping crises in Europe, most al-

that the government might acquiesce in the See PEACE, Page 4

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#### Tehran Refuses to Spare Rushdie

NICOSIA (Reuters) — Iran has again told Britain that its 1989 order for the killing of the British novelist Salman Rushdie cannot be revoked, the Iranian press agency, IRNA, said Thursday.

An Iranian Foreign Ministry official, Hamid Aseli, said he met British officials in London and "emphasized that Rushdie's sentence cannot be revoked under any circumstances."

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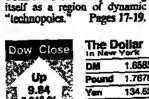
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## Yeltsin, Bad Boy or Father Figure? By Michael Dobbs

Washington Post Service

MOSCOW -- Six months after launching Russia on the road to capitalism, President Boris N. Yeltsin appears to be redefining his political role. The image of do-or-die reformer is being jertisoned in favor of national father figure, whose most important task is to provide stability during a time of turnoil.

The old Yeltsin was a political outsider who charged straight ahead, demolishing all the obstacles in his path, including the Communist system and the Soviet Union. The new Yeltsin is an insider who looks for compromises with his political opponents and avoids confrontation.

The old Yeltsin placed himself at the forefront of the drive for change, projecting himself as a charismatic leader with the historical mission of bringing happiness and freedom to his longsuffering people. The new Yeltsin prefers to stay in the background, letting his associates bear the brunt of opposition attacks. while preserving his own authority for the big battles.

"There are two types of president," said Sergei Shakhrai, a member of Mr. Yeltsin's inner circle. There is the leader who heads both the government and the reform movement, and there is

the guarantor of state stability. The first type of president addresses himself directly to the people, while the second type keeps his own counsel, even though he may occasionally explain his actions. think our president has chosen the second model for himself."

The dilemma facing the government is clear. It can move ahead rapidly with Polish-style "shock therapy" for the economy at the risk of a social explosion and a conservative political backlash. Or

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it can slow down the pace of reform, making the transition to a free-market economy more bearable in the short term, but postponing an eventual recovery. Recent events suggest that Mr. Yelisin is leaning toward the second option.

The outsider role came naturally to Mr. Yelusin when he led the opposition to the Communist establishment personified by Mikhail S. Gorbachev. That period ended in December with the dissolution of the Soviet Union, President Gorbachev's resignation and the transfer of ultimate responsibility for the fate of

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## **West Cautions** Russia Against Slowing Reform

By Tom Redburn International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON — Senior Western officials

warned the Russian government on Thursday to resist any weakening in its commitment to a rapid move to free markets and stringent eco-

David C. Mulford, the U.S. Treasury undersecretary for international affairs, and Michel Camdessus, managing director of the Interna-tional Monetary Fund, said they expected Russia and other republics of the former Soviet Union to begin receiving substantial auditional aid from the West within the next few months.

But the Western cash, intended to help stabilize the Russian currency and support a program of shock therapy for the economy, could be held up if Russia is forced to scale back its ambitious plans for economic reform, they said.

The warning, which came before weekend meetings of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations and of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, seemed aimed primarily at bolstering the government of President Boris N. Yelisin against critics in the Russian Parliament and within the ostensibly independent central hank.

Any plan to substantially boost the Russian budget deficit or speed up the printing of money, which is intended mainly to prop up ailing state enterprises, "would have to be regarded. on the face of it, as steps backwards," Mr. Mulford said, Mr. Camdessus, saying he was speaking on hehalf of the West, said at a news conference that he was worried about reports that Mr. Yeltsin's economic program was being

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# Cautiously, in a Man's World, Iranian Women Start to Speak Out

ing mechanics or electrical engineering, from traveling in the country without their husbands or fathers and from serving as judges because Islamic cleries call them too emotion-

It is nearly impossible for a woman to initiate divorce proceedings against her busband or to win custody of her children.

By law, a woman's testimony in court is not given equal weight to a man's, and during the recent Iranian New Year women received 25 percent less than their male colleagues in

But slowly women are beginning openly to versity placement, pensions, family life and the legal system.

With soaring inflation and low salaries, women who years ago could rely on the incomes of their husbands or fathers are leaving the kitchens and taking whatever employment they can find, from low-paying clerical posi-

tions to better-paying prostitution. Dozens of women ran for parliament seats in the April 10 elections, and a number were among the top vote-getters in their consuluencies, including a gynecologist from the religiously conservative city of Meshed. And Iran's lively press has become an open forum

lems; the other is to grow and learn more," said Shahla Sherkat, editor of Zanan, a new magazine for women whose most recent issue included a short story by the South African writer Nadine Gordimer and articles on back problems and quick cuisine.

\*Professional opportunities are not provided as frequently for women. Officials must be iold that women can hold high office. The impression is that women work less than men, but I believe it's the other way around."

The first issue of the magazine featured an

Jaleh Shadi-Talab, a sociologist at Tehran University, says in an article on women in the Civil Service that they make up only 12 percent of the force.

She adds. "Women have been rejected from administrative positions, and increasingly the most suitable and best environment for women of any educational level has become the

Even women whose careers have soured

with the revolution complain about discrimination. Fatemeh Karrubi, 44, the director of the

powerful Marryrs' Foundation Hospital Cen-ter, and her husband. Mahoi Karrubi, the speaker of the parliament, both of them socalled hard-line candidates for parliament who fared poorly in the April 10 election, have been criticized recently in the press for the lavish wedding they gave for one of their children. But the press expended extra ammunition on Mrs. Karrubi.

"Couldn't you find anyone more qualified than your own wife to run the Martyr Foundation so that at least she would have less

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#### By Elaine Sciolino article by an independent researcher on wom-New York Times Service en's employment that stated that in 1989 only TEHRAN — Women in Iran ride in the 5 percent of the professional jobs in Iran were for complaints about the plight of women. challenge the system that gives preferential back of the bus. They are banned from study-"One of the main reasons women are seekheld by women. treatment to men in hiring, promotions, uniing work is because of the economic prob-In the second issue, now on the newsstands,

By Christopher S. Wren

JOHANNESBURG - In a verdica providing the first legal confirmation of police involvement in South Africa's politically motivated violence, five policemen, including a white captain, were convicted on Thursday of murdering 11 black villagers in Natal Province nearly three and a half

The verdict, delivered by Justice Andrew Wilson in Natal's capital, Pietermaritz-burg, found Captain Brian Mitchell, who then commanded a nearby police station, and four black special, or auxiliary, police-men guilty of the massacre of the villagers

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which were reported to have been

By Don Oberdorfer

tenced after the judge hears further evi-dence offered in mitigation. They face the death penalty, although the government mended executions.

unfolded over three days, Justice Wilson was appointing another general to investi-also called for a public inquiry into what he gate the initial inquiry. suggested was a police attempt at Pieter-

Taking note of the verdict, the commissioner of the South African police, General Johan van der Merwe, said in Pretoria that In a detailed and biting decision that justice had taken its course. He also said he

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in the settlement of Trust Feed during the discovering what happened. The police Front The police were sometimes accused move as recist and a bid to dilute black men on trial were charged after another of siding with Inkatha, which they denied power, Reuters reported from Cape Town The prosecution alleged that the police on Thursday.

men launched the attack to drive out supgress, which was then banned. It turned out that they attacked the wrong house. The blacks and whites and drawn from the victims were attending a fineral vigil, and three to five biggest parties. Inkatha supporters were among them.

President Frederik W. de Klerk pro- African National Congress, which says it posed the quick election of an all-races represents the majority of blacks, would

Mr. de Klerk told Parliament that he porters of the United Democratic Front, a would propose at multiparty talks on de-surrogate of the African National Con-mocracy that his powers be taken over by

Initial opposition reaction was not fa-vorable. A white Democratic Party member of Parliament, Colin Eglin, said the that the investigators were the predominantly Zuln Inkatha move-council to rule South Africa in the transi-probably reject it because it would dilute petent or not interested" in ment and those of the United Democratic tion to democracy, but critics attacked the their power in any new government.

## WORLD BRIEFS

U.K. Spurns Libya Offer on Suspects

ATHENS (Reuters) - Britain issued a rejection Thursday of a reported Libyan offer to hand over two suspects in the Lockerbie arriner bombing for trial in Cairo, repeating that the men must be sent to the United States or Scotland.

In an interview with China's Xinhua press agency, Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, the Libyan leader, had said he wanted the two men tried in the Egyptian capital by a tribunal consisting of all parties involved in the

But Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd of Britain said in Athens that the reason sanctions were imposed on Libya last week by the United Nations was to insist on a trial in either Scotland or the United States, not in any other country. The Pan American World Airways airliner was blown up over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, killing 270 people.

#### UN Sees Milestone on 'Boat People'

HONG KONG (Reuters) - The 100th UN-sponsored planeload of

HONG KONG (Reuters) — The 100th UN-sponsored planeload of Vietnamese boat refugees flew home from Hong Kong on Thursday, ending dreams of a new life for those aboard and marking for the United Nations a turning point in the problem.

"Clearly the tide is turning," the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said in a statement. But some government officials and relief workers were cautious, saying the problem of the refugees was far from resolved. The flight, to Ho Chi Minh City, brought to 17,456 the number of Vietnamese who have returned voluntarily since March 1989, while there have been signs that the exodus from Vietnam that scattered nearly 675,900 Vietnamese throughout the region during the last 12 years may be ending. But more than 52,000 Vietnamese remain in detention camps in Hong Kong and Vietnam has agreed to accept the forcible repatriation in Hong Kong and Vietnam has agreed to accept the forcible repatriation of only a handful of them.

#### Japan Sentences Avionics Executives

TOKYO (UPI) - Four executives of a Japanese avionics firm received suspended prison sentences Thursday after admitting that they had illegally exported missile parts to Iran. The company, Japan Aviation Electronics Industry Ltd., was fined the equivalent of \$37,000.

"Supplying missile parts to a nation at war not only harms international trust in our nation, which holds the ideology of a pacifist nation, but also cannot help but exert a grave influence on international relations," said Judge Osamu Ikeda in Tokyo District Court.

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He imposed two-year suspended prison sentences on the former company president Yukio Kaito, the former managing director Keiichi Fukuizumi, the former director Yoshiharu Fukunaga and the former aircraft division chief Hironabu Takahashi.

#### Bulgaria Adopts Privatization Law

SOFIA (Reuters) - Bulgaria put the final legal building block of its move to a market economy in place on Thursday when the parliament adopted a law on privatizing state and municipal property over the next

two years.
"This law is more market-oriented than privatization laws in other Eastern European countries," said Ilko Eskenazi, a senior member of parliament's Economy Committee.

Under the law, Bulgarians and foreign investors can take part in : privatization on an equal footing. Enterprises will be converted into joint-stock companies, which will either be sold at auctions or transferred to new state holding companies. Shares owned by the state holding companies can be sold to individuals or companies within two years. The law also permits up to 20 percent of a company to be sold to employees. through cheaper, nonvoting shares,

#### For the Record

Robert F. Kelly Jr., former owner of the Little Rascals day care center,was sentenced to life in prison Thursday in Farmville, North Carolina. following his conviction on 99 counts of child molestation. "I have not," done these things," said an unrepentant Mr. Kelly, 44.

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

Florence is considering changing admission to churches containing precious artworks to discourage vandalism and raise money for security guards. City officials are considering a fee of 1,000 lire (80 cents) for at least four churches, including Santa Maria Novella and San Lorenzo... with its Brunelleschi and Michelangelo sacristies. (AP).

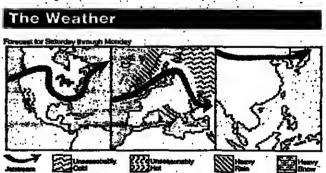
The United States will reopen its consulate in Vladivostok, the Russian Far East port, this summer, the regional governor said Thursday. (AP) Flights between Senegal and Mauritania will resume immediately and land borders will be opened soon, the nations announced Thursday. Mauritania and Senegal are restoring diplomatic relations three years after border clashes nearly provoked a war.

Ferries between Corsica and the French mainland were reroused Thursday from Marseille to Toulon as a dockworkers' strike paralyzed most was severely disrupted by the strike, which is to last until the weekend. Passenger traffic across the English Channel was normal. (Reuters)

Eight young hish Rail trainees are learning to drive steam trains more than 30 years after Ireland switched to diesel locomotives, in order to operate special exemsions by the Railway Preservation Society of Ire-land. The exemsions have proved popular with tourists. (Reuters)

Ivory Coast was still virtually cut off from communication with the rest of the world on Thursday, two weeks after international lines first went down. The state-owned utility Ci-Telcom said that a French vessel was trying to repair faults in a submarine cable linking Nigeria to Europe via Ivory Coast, Senegal and Morocco, and that service might be restored by Friday.

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Mujahidin fighters on a break Thursday atop a government tank on a highway to Kabul. They joined government forces to keep a rival faction from the capital.

## Afghan Refugee Families Journey Home to the Unknown

By Donatella Lorch New York Times Service

Now, with 25 members of her family, she is

TORKHAM, Pakistan — Fuhanzari was never seen Afghanistan. She was born in a mud refugee camp near Peshawar, Pakistan, nine years ago.

returning to a village that she knows only from hearsay. She is finally going home. "I am happy, it is my bome," she whispered shyly as she stood near her family's possessions — dusty

burlap bags, rope beds, dented metal trunks, mud-caked quilts, and chickens and goats. And then she smiled. "I know the name of my

village," she said. Dozens of Afghan refugee families have been leaving Pakistan this week, crossing the border at Torkham, about 90 kilometers (55 miles) from Jalalabad. Here they switch from Pakistani transporta-

Across the border, they are greeted with a large

sign - "Welcome to the Islamic State of Afghani-- and by a guerrilla with a rocket-propelled grenade. The noon call to prayer echoes against the barren, rocky hills of the Khyber Pass.

For many it is a journey into the unknown. They are leaving the security of the camps even before an interim government is created in the Afghan capital,

They are eager to reclaim their land, start the spring planting and rebuild their homes. Most are farmers returning to the province of Nangarhar, a fertile valley around Jalalabad.

United Nations officials say that although it is too early to speak of a mass repatriation, there has been

a dramatically increased return. es in Pakistan, mos living in 250 camps in the North-West Frontier Province.

Since April 14, about 900 families registered with the United Nations have crossed at Torkham, a site to transport troops to the ontskirts of Kabul.

that officials expect will become the main thoroughfare to eastern and northern Afghanistan. Many unregistered refugees have also passed through. For some, leaving Pakistan has proven difficult. South of Torkham at the major border crossing at.

They are not sure their own villages are safe. But they understand in a short time there will be an independent

Afghanistan,' Abdul Nassir, a UN monitor

When they turn in their ration books to the United. Nations, each registered refugee family receives the equivalent of \$150 in cash for transportation and about 300 kilograms (650 pounds) of wheat.

"They are not sure their own villages are safe," said Abdul Nassir, a monitor for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, who interviews and counts families at the border.

"But they understand in a short time there will be an independent Afghanistan. And if the situation clears up everyone will run. If today we hear free-dom, tonight everyone will be here." For the families changing transportation at Tork-

ham, insecurity is better than the abject poverty they have experienced in Pakistan. Naith, a farmer, is traveling with eight members of his family.

"I am happy to go, but we have to go to Afghani Parachinar, refugees have turned back because guer-stan because there is no work for us here," he said. nllas loyal to the Islamic fundamentalist leader "We have no alternative. In Pakistan life was very ralacinnat, it agrees have no alternative. In Pakistan life was very fulbaddin Hekmatyar are requisitioning all vehicles bad, very poor. Now I can plant my com, my

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## Allied Gulf Force Dwarfed Iraq's, U.S. Study Finds

WASHINGTON - The United States and its allies faced an Iraqi military force that numbered fewer than half the 500,000 soldiers estimated by the Pentagon at the start of the ground war to retake Kuwait, a

congressional report said Thursday.

According to the report, by the House

Armed Services Committee, it is possible that the 700,000 allied attackers faced only 183,000 Iraqis in Kuwait. The Defense De-partment consistently maintained during the Gulf War that more than 500,000 Iraqi

troops were in the region.

The panel, which conducted its own bipar-

By William J. Broad

New York Times Service WASHINGTON — Dismissing charges that it silenced an official

who warned in 1989 that Iraq had

embarked on a major effort to build a nuclear bomb, the Energy

Department has taken the unusual

step of declassifying and publicly releasing important documents in

"It was handled responsibly -

not in the same way the author of the memo wanted — but in a re-

sponsible way," said Joseph C. Karpinski, press secretary for the

of disagreements go on all the

sponse to a two-year investigation

by Representative John D. Dingell, Democrat of Michigan, who heads

the House Committee on Energy

and Commerce and its investiga-

tive subcommittee. In a closed

hearing, he has charged the depart-

some two years before the West

cy's main responsibility for export ment."

went to war against Iraq.

The declassification came in re- core.

**Energy Agency Opens** 

Files on Iraq Dispute

the dispute.

The agency said the documents large has a major enter unusual showed that it had acted in a conton produce nuclear weapons." Mr. Siebert said in one of the newly

Energy Department. "Those kinds of design" for building gas centri-

ment with ignoring the warning fied memo of nonconcurrence, he

and missing an opportunity to said that a nuclear weapons pro-block Baghdad's nuclear ambitions gram in Iraq "has not been identi-

The formerly secret memos re- ar uses, "also have peaceful appli-

leased Wednesday include the origeations." Iraq's level of uranium inal warning issued in April 1989 enrichment technology, he added

by A. Bryan Siebert Jr., an Energy "is unknown but believed to be, at Department official with the agen-best, in an early stage of develop-

tisan review of the war, addressed the one major issue that the Pentagon avoided in its 1,300-page report on the war: the number of Iraqi troops involved in the conflict.

The panel estimated in the report that 183,000 Iraqi troops remained after enduring constant bombing attacks from the allied air campaign that preceded the ground war. The number is based on the 63,000 who were captured and the panel's calculation of 120,000 who either escaped or were killed.

It said that, based on interviews with captured officers. Iraqi divisions were an average of 34 percent under strength, 153,000

control. He had discovered that Iraq had embarked on a buying

binge of parts used in nuclear in-

dustries, including fuel-making

equipment and weapon triggers. He tried to inform the energy secre-

tary and the National Security

Council of the purchases and to propose that Western export con-

declassified parts of his proposed

pattern of purchases suggested that the Iraqis had "detailed knowledge

fuges, which are key to enriching uranium for a bomb's explosive

Superiors dismissed Mr. Sie-

ben's warnings as alarmst in 1989, mainly on the advice of Robert J. Waish, an intelligence official. Mr.

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enrichment technology, he added.

reached the energy secretary.

In another section, he said the

memo to the energy secretary.

"Recent evidence indicates that

trols be quietly tightened.

deserted, 17,000 were wounded and 9,000 were killed before the ground war.

The Pentagon has never gone public with numbers on the total number of Iraqi deaths, although some officials have said it could have been as many as 100,000. An air force general, Charles Horner, has suggested it was as low as 10,000.

The committee report was based on interviews with about 1,000 people who fought

It said it was possible that the number of Iraqi troops in the region could have been higher or lower, but asserted that the 700,000 U.S. and allied soldiers far outnumbered the enemy when the ground war be-

The committee said the Defense Department based its figure of 500,000 Iraqi soldiers on the number of Iraqi divisions in the region, 42, multiplied by the number of troops that military intelligence believed made up a division.

"The one certainty is that there never really were 547,000 Iraqi troops in theater because — and this was not known until after the war - many units were sent to the theater substantially under strength," the re-(AP. Reuters)

#### France Charges Belgian Lang Overrides With Spying for Russia

PARIS - A Belgian electronics engineer has been charged in France with spying for Russia, and five other suspects have been freed after questioning, justice sources said Thursday.

The sources said the engineer, identified as Alain Brienne, was suspected of having worked with a Belgian spy ring that passed along technological information to Moscow. Mr. Brienne was charged with spying for a foreign power and released. The sources said five other French and Belgian nationals were released after questioning. News reports said the six had received money to pass on informa-

tion on advanced technology to a Belgian business apparently not aware be was working for Moscow. They said the six were detained on information provide by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, which led to the breaking of the Belgian ring earlier this month. They said the CIA got its information from a diplomat at the Russian Embassy in Brussels who asked

for political asylum last year.

In The Hague, meanwhile, the Dutch Home Affairs Ministry autounced Thursday that the Netherlands had ordered four Russians suspected of spying to leave the country. The manistry said the four — three journalists and a trade attaché at the Russian Embassy in The Hagne - had already departed the country. (AP, Reuters)

#### Accord Reached on Volga Germans Apence France-Presse

BONN - Russia and Germany reached an agreement Thursday that will progressively grant autonomy to 2.5 million ethnic Germans in the Volga region, officials said.

"It's a breakthrough." Germa-ny's junior interior minister, Horst Walfenschmidt, said at the end of a three-day meeting of a joint com-mittee on the Volga Germans.

have constitutional rights of residence in Germany.

The Russian minister for national minorities, Valeri Tishkov, said

that Russia aimed to "restore the Volga Republic" initiated by Lenin in 1918. The region's German population, descendants of German workers who came to Russia in the 18th century, were deported by Sta-lin to Siberia and Central Asia after Mr. Jospin's proposals but would the Nazi invasion of the Soviet inge individual schools to be flexi-Bonn has been seeking to stem an the Nazi invasion of the Soviet influx of ethnic Germans, who Union in 1941.

## Predecessor on French Schools

The Associated Press

PARIS — The French education and culture minister, Jack Lang. appeased students Thursday by canceling or modifying unpopular school changes adopted by his pre-Educational changes are a

touchy subject in France. Earlier

this year, tens of thousands of stndents demonstrated to argue that the changes fell short of giving them a chance to succeed profes-Mr. Lung said he had eliminated

university changes proposed by his predecessor, Lionel Josoin, because their objectives, though valid, had been misinterpreted by the public. They had called for opening university to suyone holding a high school diploma and improving stu-

deat orientation with the aim of reducing the high university drop-out rate. Mr. Lang said a new program, designed to give each univer-sity more autonomy, would be worked out with higher education experts in the coming months.

As for the plan to revenue the existing high school program, considered cluist and overly selective. ble in applying them.

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> TYPE CASTING - Ginger Smith harling a typewriter during an "office sports" competition in Portland, Maine. A radio station organized the event to observe National Secretaries Day.

#### Turn of the state holding The state of the s of a sold to may Guadalajara Fears a New Blast

GUADALAJARA, Mexico —
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Thurster gastrong gas smell coming from the Weeping survivors thronged the imma district, where 20 to 25 city blocks were demolished. At least

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-ve steam trio trated at \$300 million. motives men. Neighborhood residents de-

had failed to act promptly on re-ports of the furnes, and what had caused the buildup of volatile gas in the sewer system.

"If authorities knew about this why didn't they tell us?" asked Ra-mon Guerra, 22, who had helped poll the bodies of his sister and his 6-year-old nephew from the ruins

The governor identified those who would be charged with negli-gence as José Trinidad López Rivas, the city's fire chief, David Aftimos Partida, municipal services director, and Gualberto Limon, head of the agency that operates

Officials said the explosions by a gasoline spill into the sewer system. The state oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex, denied any responsibility for the blasts, as did the cooking-oil com-

pany, La Central. sident Carlos Salinas de Gortari said there would be a full investigation of the disaster in Guadalajara, which has a population of about 3 million people. He said the inquiry would not exclude Pemex as a possible cause. The president said he wanted a full report within 72 hours.

The state government suggested that the cooking-oil company had allowed hexane, a volatile chemical used in extracting oil from seeds, to

leak into the sewer system. Mayor Enrique Dau Flores ordered the evacuation of about four square blocks in the Alamo district of the city, south of the blast area, after residents said they smelled fumes. The area is surrounded by about 40 factories, including a Pe-

Fire tighters removed manhole Wednesday might have been covers to disperse any gas in the caused by an industrial chemical sewers and a Pemex truck checked

> Mexico has a large concentration of heavy industry in major metro-politan areas, and there have been several imge gas explosions in its cities in recent years, including a 1984 blast in Mexico City that killed more than 400 people. Envi-ronmentalists have blamed lax enforcement of anti-pollution laws for past accidents. (AP, Reuers)

U.S. Eases Policy

On Detention for

Asylum-Seekers

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Immigration officials have issued a new policy

on handling requests for political asylum that could spare thousands

Currently, those seeking asytum who arrive in the United States

without proper documentation are detained, pending the results of their applications, if there is space in detention centers. But where the

of refugees detention.

## Down-to-Earth Price For a Russian Satellite

By Barry James mernational Herold Tribun

PARIS — A superannuated, blackened Russian satellite was sold for a relative snip at 1 million francs on Thursday night in what the nctioneer said was a sorry comedown for an object that had once flown into the cosmos and back.

For the last couple of weeks, the satellite has been on the sidewalk on the fashionable Avenue Georges V, admired and touched by thousands of passers-by. But the 2-ton object, bearing the scorch marks of a 16-day trip through space, is not the kind of thing that fits easily in the average living room, and there were few bids.

million (\$182,000), where it stayed, despite the persuasive charms of the anctioneer, Herve Poulain.

Even if the spacecraft is an ugly black ball with a skull and crossbones painted on the side, Mr. Poulain asked, could no one see the aesthetic value of an object that had flown far into space? Was

there no romance left in the world? Mr. Poplain said that in recent days he had sold a Schiaparelli dress for 250,000 francs, a toy train for 240,000 and a limited-edition Swatch for 250,000. He could not, he would not, let such a singular

object go for a mere million.
In the end he did, however, and Georges Lancelin, a French businessman, is faced with the task of trucking the object to his factory at Tours in central France.

centers were filled, illegal aliens The bidding started at 500,000 francs and moved up fast to a were not put in detention. Under a directive by the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington, asylum seekers whose identity, grounds for asylum

whose teentry, grounds for asylun and means of support appear to be credible may be released from or spared detention.

The directive, which takes effect immediately, calls for immigration inspectors to interview applicants at major airports and other ports of entry as well as at all detention

## Californians Brace for Follow-Up to a 6.1 Quake

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — California officials warned Thursday there was a chance of additional tremors following an earthquake that shook Southern California, damaging desert

towns and causing minor injuries.

The Office of Emergency Services said that for three days there would be a slightly increased likelihood of a larger quake in six southern California counties, although that likelihood was declining steadily as the time

The quake, centered 110 miles (180 kilometers) east of downtown Los Angeles in Desert Hot Springs, struck at 9:51 P.M. Wednesday and measured 6.1 on the Richter scale. Buildings swayed in downtown Los Angeles, and tremors were felt as far away as

Arzona and Nevada and from San Diego to

motion as recorded on seismographs. An

The quake was along a north-to-south fault in the mountains about five miles from the big San Andreas Fault, according to Lucy Jones, a seismologist for the U.S. Geological Survey.

initial reports that the quake measured 6.3 on the Richter scale were followed by a warning from the U.S. Geological Survey to take precautions for a 7.5 earthquake - the so-called Big Ooc.

Ms. Jones initially said the chance of an earthquake of that magnitude striking could be as high as 25 percent within three days. But when the magnitude was downgraded to 6.1, she said the chance of the bigger quake was closer to 10 percent.

The earthquake in the San Francisco area than 60 people and caused an estimated \$5.9 ankle to cuts. billioo damage.

Witnesses' estimates of the duration of Wednesday's earthquake ranged from 10 to 60 secoods.

The quake damaged at least 10 buildings ers or the crowd of nearly 35,000. Phones in and knocked out power in areas of Yucca the press box went out for several minutes. Valley and Twentynine Palms, according to

earthquake of magnitude 6 can cause severe apparently were not damaged, officials said.

About 20 people were taken to Hi-Desert Medical Center in Joshua Tree for treatment Oct. 17, 1989, registered 7.1. It killed more of minor injuries ranging from a broken

A quake registering 4.6 had shaken the area about two and a half hours earlier.

in Los Angeles, a fire department spokes-

man said there were no reports of damage or "It was a terrible shaking," said Mary Gibson of Desert Hot Springs. "We were just getting ready to go to bed, and the whole house just sbook. If felt like an elemity."

In a said there was in juries in the nation's second-largest city. Shaking was felt at Dodger Stadium but did not interrupt a baseball game there house just sbook. If felt like an elemity."

There was no noticeable reaction from play Shaking was felt at Dodger Stadium but did not interrupt a baseball game there. There was no noticeable reaction from play-

In Riverside County, there were reports of the San Bernardino County sheriff's office, mostly minor damage, including gas leaks at The quake also shattered supermarket win- homes, some flooding from pipes and damdows in Palm Springs. Highways and bridges age to a fire station in Thousand Palms.

too's only remaining major oppo-

While Mr. Landow has said

there is notbing inappropriate

about discussing prospects for

throwing open the convention to a

candidate other than Mr. Clinton,

he insisted that his ultimate interest

was not to be divisive but to bring

#### Plan to Air Doubts About Clinton Irks Party Chief Former Mayor Of Washington By Richard L. Berke "The program in the letter sug- and feel the oeed to discuss openly Leaves Prison

New York Times Service WASHINGTON — The Demo-

cratic Party chairman, Ronald H. United Press International Brown, set off a round of party LORETTO, Pennsylvania infighting when he abruptly can-The former mayor of Washington. celed an appearance before a group of major fund-raisers, fearing they Marion S. Barry Jr., was released from a federal prison Thursday afwould voice doubts about Bill Clinter serving a six-mooth sentence for ton, the likely presidential nomi-

possession of cocaine. Mr. Barry, wearing a coat and Mr. Brown was scheduled as the rie, walked out the front door of the principal speaker at a meeting here of IMPAC, a group of more than Federal Correctional Institution at Lorenn at 5:30 A.M., climbed into Democratic fund-raisers from the back seat of a waiting car and around the country. But in a letter to IMPAC's chairman, Nathan

was driven away.
"Mr. Barry made arrangements with his security staff to pick him up and there was a one vehicle waiting for him," said Ron Ham, executive assistant to the warden. The former mayor served the

first three months of his sentence at a federal prison in Petersburg, Virginia. He was transferred to Loreno in January following reports that he had received oral sex from a female visitor. Mr. Barry denied

During his third term as mayor. himself was arrested in January 1990 in a sting operation at a hotel becomes a presidential or vice-in central Washington. He was presidential candidate in the fu-lured to the hotel by a former girl-friend, Hazel (Rasheeda) Moore.

If questions or concerns remain

gests the meeting will be about re-opening old wounds," Mr. Brown wrote, "continuing divisive anti- diate future and for changing the party hickering and, unbelievably, an attempt to debate the primary

Mr. Landow, who is also chairman of the Maryland Democratic Party, immediately called off the meeting, which had been scheduled

"I don't know what the chairman questions about Mr. Clinton, the is afraid of with IMPAC mem-governor of Arkansas.

bers," he said. In his April 7 letter announcing the meeting Mr. Landow wrote: Landow, he asserted that be "read say the least, about our party's Governor Edmund G. (Jerry) with alarm" a copy of the invitation

how we got to where we are, and what options we have for the imme-

Mr. Landow, who endorsed former Senator Paul E. Tsongas of Massachusetts days before he withdrew from the presidential race, is now uncommitted. He said that had Mr. Brown attended the meeting, he would have faced tough

Mr. Clinton has won 1,332 delegates, more than half of the oumber needed for the nomination and far "Many members are concerned, to more than Mr. Tsongas or former

about party unity. He said Mr. Brown canceled his address under pressure from the Clinton cam-

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## Tsongas to Offer Medical File If He Runs

announcing the meeting.

NEW YORK - Paul E. Tsongas, who received an experimental bone marrow transplant for lymphoma in 1986 and additional radiation treatment after suffering a Mr. Barry was linked to two people relapse in 1987, says he will make convicted of drug charges, and be his medical records available for an independent medical review if he

and videotaped while smoking after such a review, Mr. Tsoogas crack cocaine.

after such a review, Mr. Tsoogas said Wednesday, he would ask his

doctors to arrange for tests by independent cancer experts.

The former senator from Massacousetts nutlined the plan in a letter to Dr. George P. Canellos, the head of oecology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. where he received treatment for lymphoma, a cancer of the immune

Mr. Tsongas wrote the letter in response to a New York Times article that said his doctors now acknowledge that he suffered a recurlymph node in his left armpit in 1987, about eight months after a

bone marrow transplant. Mr. Tsongas, who has suspended his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, said in an interview that he did not expect to be offered the vice-presidential spot this year. He said he had no intention of running for office in Massachusetts and that the only two elected offices he might seek would be the presidency or vice presidency.

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## Who'll Stand for a Mussolini?

## Granddaughter Gets Seat, but Not the One She Wants

By Alan Cowell

New York Times Service ROME - The history of the world's politics is dotted with disputes about empty chairs — those abandoned when people walked out or never even turned up at gatherings of moment and let their absence speak volumes. Italy's newest Parliament opened with a tiff about an occupied one. And it was no ordinary chair at that

The parliamentary seat had once been sat upoo by Benito Mussolini, Italy's fascist dicta-tor, who occupied it for a year before he became prime minister in 1922 and turned Italy into a one-party fascist state that en-dured until 1943.

But on Wednesday, when his granddaughter Alessandra, 30, elected on the neofascist ticket in elections on April 5 to 6, came to reclaim it for the dynasty, she found another of the 34 neofascists in parliament already sit-

ting there.
"If they doo't give me my grandfather's seat," she said, "I might take the prime minister's."

"I am ready to sit where my grandfather used to," she added, and I can't understand why people are making such a fuss about it. Someone has to sit there, and it might as well be

But oo one moved in the benches situated on the extreme right of the chamber, so Miss Mussolini, a TV and movie actress, sat down quietly on another chair and made a call from her mobile phone, reportedly to her

Her father, the jazz pianist Romano Mussolini, one of the former dictator's two surviving sons, sat in the gallery to watch. Benito Mussolini himself was executed by partisans in 1945 while trying to flee Italy for Switzer-

tative of the Italian Social Movement, which campaigned on an anti-immigrant, law-and-order platform. It was not clear Thursday whether her wish to sit in her grandfather's onetime chair oeofascists feel she has already

Miss Mussolini is a represen-

stolen enough headlines. And even Wednesday, her appear-ance in Parliament drew a phalanx of photographers and television cameras in her wake.

The spat was a sideshow to the political paralysis that has flowed from the April elections. For the first time since World War II, Christian Democrats have been denied the ability to dominate Parliament, but the elections produced no obvious

That much was apparent on Wednesday when deputies gathered to elect a speaker and were unable to do so because no single candidate garnered the two-thirds majority needed to be cho-

"The British voted after us and yet they already have a govern-ment," said Mario Segni, a maverick Christian Democrat who wants to form the next government and reform the moribund political system. "The problems we have run into over electing a speaker show it is absolutely imossible to go on running a coun-



Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of the dictator, in Parliament on Thursday,

## Internationale Nederlanden Group

ING Group concluded 1991 with a modest increase in net profit compared with 1990. Net profit increased by 4.2% from NLG 1,511 million to NLG 1,574 million.

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For 1992 the Executive Board expects to achieve reasonable growth in business volume and to obtain a net profit which will at least equal the 1991 result.

## Annuai figures 1991

Amounts in Dutch guilders	1991	1990*	% Change		
(in millions)					
Total income	46,100	41,150	+ 12.0		
Total expenditure	44,044	39,164	+ 12.5		
Results before tax	2,056	1,986	+ 3.5		
Net profit	1,574	1,511	+ 4.2		
(in guilders)		,			
Net profit per share	6.79	6.44	+ 5.4		
Dividend per share	3.10	3.08	+ 0.6		
(in billions)					
Total assets	297.8	275.6	+ 8.1		
Investments	120.1	110.0	+ 9.2		
Bank lending	126.5	113.5	+ 11.5		
Group capital base	15.0	14.2	+ 5.6		
Pro forma combined figures					



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# Fighting Shatters New Sarajevo Pact

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

BELGRADE - European Community leaders who negotiated the new truce accord on Thursday had barely left Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, before the heavy fighting that has raged there for the last receives done recurred.

last previous days resumed.

After the nightly curfew at 10 P.M., observers said that Serbian gunners in the mountains overlooking Sarajevo had resumed artillery bombardment of the old Muslim quarter in the city center, and that machine-gun fire could be heard from the area of the airport on the

The fighting resumed just hours after the leaders of the three main ethnic groups in the former Yugo-slav republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina signed a new cease-fire accord on Thursday and agreed to resume negotiations on the republic's future under European Community sponsorship in Lisbon on Monday. The leaders of the three main

groups that make up Bosnia-Herzegovina's population of 4.3-million
— Muslim Slavs, Serbs and Croats - signed the cease-fire commitment after a day of negotiations with an EC delegation led by Lord Carrington, chairman of the EC's conference on Yugoslavia, and by João de Deus Pinheiro, the foreign minister of Portugal, which holds the EC's rotating presidency.

In a document prepared by the chaos and bloodshed lie ahead."

European officials, the three groups vowed "to respect fully and unconditionally" an earlier cease, fire accord that was signed on April 12 and immediately ignored.

For the last two weeks, battles

have raged at strategic towns at over Bosnia-Herzegovina, culm

nating with heavy fighting in Sata jevo, a city of 560,000 people. ■ Description of Fighting

A Renters correspon drej Gustincic, reported by tele phone from Ilidza, a Serb-held sub urb of Sarajevo, Thursday night flashing with artillery fire, one re-dential house is on fire, and snipe

bullets are hitting the hotel walk.
He said mortar fire from Music areas of the city was being answered by cannon fired by Serbian militiz around the Hotel Bosne which houses the EC mission head quarters and foreign journalists

Sarajevo radio reported renewe fighting from other parts of the republic. The radio spoke of shel-ing in Bosanski Brod and Bosanski Samac in the north. Mr. Pinheiro, after announci

the cease-fire agreement earlier in the day, said, "This round of talk will take place only if the cease-fire is respected from the time the agreement is signed."

#### YELTSIN: New Political Persona

Russia to Mr. Yeltsin. The latest session of the Congress of People's Deputies, Russia's supreme parliament, provided Mr. Yeltsin with a natural stage for trying out his new

During the first part of the twoweek session, he sat impassively on the podrum, a sphinxlike figure who scarcely moved a muscle as the debate swirled around him. During the last 10 days, he shunned the proceedings altogeth-

er, even when the fate of his government lay in the balance. He continued to support the government from behind the scenes, but his absence signaled that be intended to remain above the political fray. The contrast with the previous congress, in October, was instruc-tive. On that occasion, Mr. Yeltsin

announced that he was taking direct charge of the government in order to see the country through a crucial period in its history. He promised a "one-stage leap" to free-market prices and the priva-tization of 50 percent of small and medium-sized enterprises in Russia within three months. Acknowledg-ing that the first six months would be "hard on everyone," he prom-

1992 would bring "a more stable economy and a gradually improved Mr. Yeltsin has not exactly

but he has modified it significantly The "leap" to the free market being dragged ont over man months, particularly in the vital ex ergy sector.

Large-scale privatization has no yet begun. The commitment to a deficit-free budget has been about doned. Government ministers still talk vaguely about economic stalilization by the end of the year, but they have stopped predicting any improvement in living standards

for ordinary people.

The president's desire to avoid confrontation with parliament over his program, even at the expense of watering it down, has been hailed as political realism by some of his supporters. Others fear that he has started down a slippery slope of compromise with the Communic old guard, a tactic that ultimately destroyed Mr. Gorbachev.

"It is to Yeltsin's credit that he is making concessions," said Pave Bunich, one of the president's em-

Yuri Afanasyev, a historian who represents the radical wing of the pro-Yeltsin Democratic Russ; movement, disagreed, saving: "Yeltsin is getting too much involved in apparatus games. He is trying to outmaneuver those forest he should be trying to combat. Structural economic reform is beised Russians that the autumn of ing blocked by the old bodies of Soviet power that continue to occupy all positions of authority in Rus-

backed away from this program

## RATES: German Inflation Fears

(Continued from page 1)

dependence on bank credit."
No Bundesbank officials have been giving any cause for near-term optimism about rate cuts, and most economists have come to doubt any cuts will be made until late this year or early next year. At the beginning of this year, there had been wide-spread hope that rates might start

falling as early as this summer.
"After seeing today's figure," said Hans Roth, an economist with CDC Bank in Frankfurt, "it looks unlikely that rates will drop much before the fourth quarter."

Analysts noted that the direction of German rates would be difficult to predict this year until union wage rounds were completed later this spring. This week, public-ser-vice unions have been voting on possible strikes, while the metalworkers' union, Germany's largest has started negotiating.

On Thursday, the Postal Unions' Federation called on postal enployees to strike Monday to press wage claims, the federation an-nounced. It said a referendum among employees had resulted in 90.85 percent support for a strike

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vention. NATO would decide each time whether to respond, and each NATO country would decide

Any such operation could be joined by forces from non-NATO countries, but Britain and some other allied nations insist that cooperation with former Warsaw

whether to take part.

## **PEACE:** Momentum for NATO

peacekeeping plan — on condition that Washington pledges that U.S. forces would take part in any actual

Germany's position is also un-clear. Chancellor Helmut Kohl is supportive, officials said, because this initiative would increase pressure on Germany to contribute troops to allied peacekeeping mis-sions outside the old NATO area. But Foreign Minister Hans-Die-trich Genscher, who sometimes appears ambiguous about a strong U.S. role in Europe, has called for the European security conference

to have its own peacekeepers.
Countering Mr. Genscher's idea, the Dutch proposal says, "At this stage, NATO is the only organization which has the infrastructure, politico-military resources, logistics and operational capability to implement a CSCE mandate for peacekeeping on short notice and

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Pact countries must not dilute NA-TO's core function as a military **AFGHAN:** 

Rivals in Capital

no chance he would participate in coalition with Mr. Masoud. Mr. Hekmatyar's spokesman in Peshawar, Pakistan, said Mr. Hekmatyar would only accept a counci in a cost-effective way."

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ing similar future crises.

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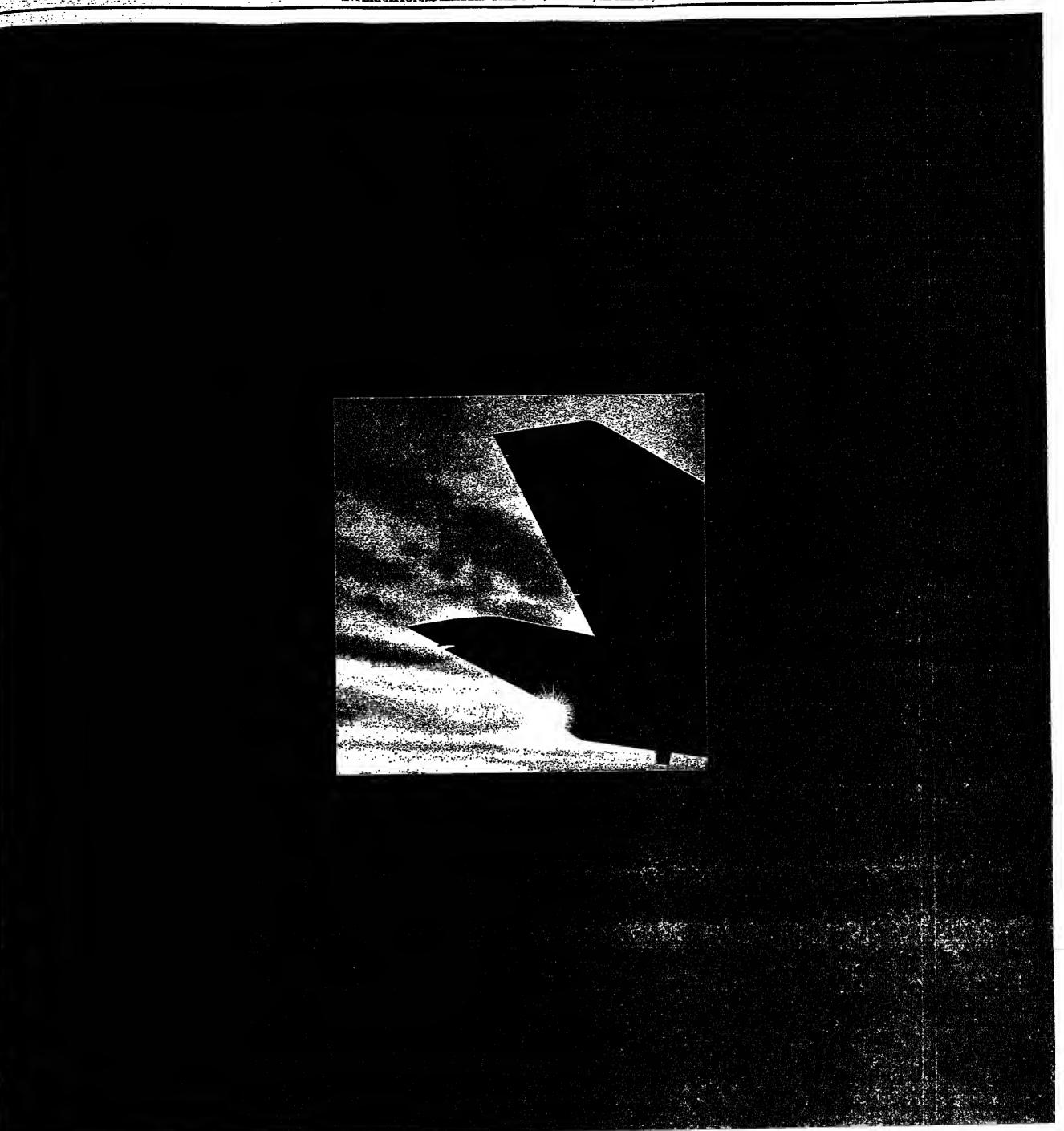
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## Satyajit Ray, Master of Bengali Films, Dies at 70

By Peter B. Flint

Satyajit Ray, 70, the versatile Indian filmmaker whose "Apu" trilogy of a Bengali's childhood youth and manhood was one of the most luminous series in film history, died Thursday in Calcutta.

Mr. Ray, who received an honorary Academy Award last month for his achievements. had been suffering from breathing problems compounded by a heart ailment. He had been hospitalized since Jan. 29.

The first film in the spare and sensitive triptych — "Pather Panchali" ("Song of the Road") — won a special jury prize at the 1956 Cannes Film Festival, 15 other international awards and is considered by many experts to be one of the best films ever made. The two later works, "Aparajito" (1956) and "The World of Apu" (1959), confirmed Mr. Ray as a highly talented and at times magical

tic films on the various classes of Bengali society, the clash of old and new values and the effects of rapid political and economic change on individuals. All but one of his films were made in Bengali, his native lan-

Among his other films was "The Music Room," a tragic 1958 study of an aristocrat in a crumbling mansion who squanders his dwindling resources on elegant inusicales. 'Two Daughters' combines two bittersweet 1961 vignettes about a lonely postmaster and his 10-year-old orphaned housekeeper, and about an endangered marriage that unex-pectedly works. "Charulata" (1964) is a subtle exploration of a marital triangle. Others were "Devi" ("The Goddess," 1960), "Mahanagar" ("The Big City." 1963) and "Nayak" ("The Hero." 1966).

Mr. Ray fashioned understated, humanis-ic films on the various classes of Bengali Adversary" (1971), dealing with the frustra-ociety, the clash of old and new values and constructions of joblessness, and "The Target" To many Western film-goers, Mr. Ray (1972), about a clever manipulator.

> Other major works included "Distant Thunder" (1973), about a man-made 1943 famine that killed 5 million Bengalis; "The Middle Man," a corrosive 1975 study of business corruption; "The Chess Players," a 1977 allegory about selling out one's country, and "The Home and the World" (1984), an approaching revolution as seen by an affluent woman from her drawing-room win-

> Detractors accused Mr. Ray of muting the existence of evil and of being so exquisite that he came dangerously close to being precious. They said his movies were slow-

defined the Indian cinema, but to most poor, uneducated Indians his austere delicacy was

"They usually show my films in Delhi at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning," he once said. Bengali films don't have a wide audience." His comparatively small audience forced him to adhere to minuscule budgets (rising to \$100,000 from \$40,000 over the decades) and to do much of the work himself. Besides

directing, he wrote scripts and music, designed sets, operated cameras, was some-times the producer and even supervised advertising copy.

Vincent Canby of The New York Times

hailed Mr. Ray as a great and extraordinary "Nayak" ("The Hero." 1966).

A second Ray series, the Calcutta trilogy, consisted of "Days and Nights in the Forest" of music, dance, romance and violence of the

## IRAN: With Caution, Women Begin Lifting the Veil on a Male-Dominated, Islamic Society

contact with strange men?" an interviewer from the hard-line newspaper Resalaı asked Mr. Karrubi, a midranking cleric, in an interview last month. Mr. Karrubi snapped back, "I don't expect a Muslim to hold such a view about women."

President Hashemi Rafsanjani tried to respond to women's complaints by naming a hiologist, Fati-ma Hashemi, as his special adviser on women. But her office has not yet had much of an effect, except to offer advice to women who ask.

implicitly endorsed remporary or, if the rules are stretched, a few under the revolution, Abol-Hassan ceptable garment is the rapposest. marriage in a sermon in 1990. He hours. justified the practice on the ground that young people did not have enough money to pay for a proper Persian wedding.

In the early years of the revolution, prostitutes were sent to prison en's rights is still fought through or Islamic reform schools. But their wardrobes. In the 13-year revprostitution has made a comeback, olution, perhaps no other issue has and his sermon gave impelus to an been debated with such fury as the aiready growing call-girl business.

Prostitution is practiced largely in the form of sigheh, the Islamic Mr. Rafsanjani incurred the custom by which a couple can get had a kind of radiance" that might dor, held in place with one's hand for walking without a scarf during a wrath of many women when he married for a few years or months, tempt men. Iran's first president or one's teeth, the second most ac-

"I don't think sigheh should have been recommended for young peo-

ple," Mrs. Karrubi said in an inter-

The most visible battle for womrules for what constitutes "good

hejab," or head covering. "Research proved female hair

Banisadr, said in the early days of the Islamic republic, and in the years that followed, women were insulted, arrested, fined and even lashed for "bad hejab." Last year, the dreaded Komi-

tehs, the national disciplinary patrols responsible for enforcing the ankles and wrists, were merged

After the all-encompassing cha-

or manteau, French for coat. A loosely fitting long garment that buttons up the front, it is sold in crepe, silk, polyester, wool or cotton, either plain or with epanlets, gold buttons, lace, sashes or

sequins, and is worn with a scarf.
Still, the struggle is over how far strict moral standards of Islam who roamed the streets in search of bare with the absence of rules. Women on state-controlled television apwith the police force. And since then the dress code has eased.

pear with heavy eye makeup and lipstick, but an Iran Air stewardess was suspended for 20 days recently

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## **TOPICS**

#### A Spartan Fervor In Mao's Old Haunts

The northern Chinese city of Yenan, where Mao Zedong ended his epic Long March more than half a century ago, is enjoying its biggest boom since the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, Lena H. Sun of The Washington Post reports.

The visitors are not foreign tourists, however, but functionaries and students whom the government is sending to imbue them with the spartan dedica-tion that Mao instilled in his followers when they were living in the caves around town. Some of the visitors actually spend up to three weeks living in the caves; others put up in the town's only hotel. After Mao's death in 1976,

Yenan's prominence faded. But tight political controls since the 1989 massacre of demonstrators for democracy in Beijing have led to Yenan's political

"After the turmoil our party wanted to promote the Yenan spirit," said Liu Xianglong general manager of the 329-bed Yenan Hotel.

Days are spent toming the former residences of Mao and his staff, talking with survivors of the Long March and studying Communist Party history.

The idea, a government spokesman said, is to teach young peo-ple about "the hardships of the past."

Not everyone gets with the program. "It was a waste of time," one young woman said of her four-day stay in Yenan. "I thought it was very dirty and very poor."

#### Around Asia

Many Mongolisms are pro-posing that in the next century, once they complete the shift from communism to democracy. and free markets, the national capital should be moved back. to Karakorum, 200 miles (about 320 kilometers) west of the pre-sent capital, Ulan Bator. Karakorum, used by Genghis Khan as a base camp, became the cap-ital of the Mongol empire under his son, Ogedei, in 1235. But Kublai Khan moved the capital to Beijing in 1267. Today Kara-korum is a dirt-road town of 11,000. -

The Japanese, who tradition ally make merry with beer, whis-key or sake, are increasingly turning to wine. In 1991, the average Japanese uncorked only 1.4 three-quarter liter bottles of wine, a far cry from more than 90 bottles each in France and Italy and not even up to the Americans, at roughly 8 bottles a year. However, wine drinking is nearly three times greater than a decade ago, a wine expert said. He predicted that consumption will eventually grow to six bottles a year.

Arthur Higbee

## Junta Chief In Burma Quits, Citing Ill Health

RANGOON - General San Maune head of a mantary innta widely criticized for human right aboses, has resigned as the juniar chairman for health reasons, the official Rangoon Ratho announced

Official Kampusa Thursday night General Than Shwa, deputy General Than Shwa, deputy charman and army communder will succeed General Saw Manny as leader of the junta, which is officially known as the State Law and Order Restoration Council, the radio reported.

General Saw Maung and a group of military officers seized power in of mining of the case of power in 1988 after suppressing a national pro-democracy uprising. Several thousand demonstrators were simbly the military, which then imposed harsh rule.

General Saw Manng, 63, had been widely reported in stem months to be suffering from a carryon disorder affecting bits cancer and disorder affecting bits cancer.

yous disorder affecting his capacity to work. Many of his public species es have verged on the incoherent. The radio announcement did not

specifically mention General Saw Maung's retirement from his postions as armed forces supreme commander, prime minister and president. But it was understood that "complete rest" meant he would relinquish all his duties.

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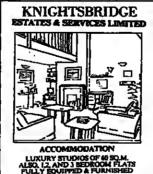
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When Saddam Hussein sent his Iraqi divisions plunging into helpless little Kuwait, President George Bush proclaimed an inviolable principle: Aggression would not stand. Hah, cynics said, the issue is not principle but oil. If Kuwait were not rich in oil, the West would not have rushed half a million soldiers to the Gulf.

Was the president following a double standard? The world now looks to the aggression. every bit as cruel and unprovoked, by President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia against Bosnia and Herzegovina. That newborn state has no oil - and no defenses. Will the United States and Europe stand up for prin-

ciple as strongly as they did for petroleur Bosnia is just the place for the administration to show it means what Secretary of State James Baker says about collective engagement to secure peace. Yet the State Department does no more than mumble, as if innocent Bosnians were equally to blame. How much more Serbian terror is required to get the administration to talk and act sternly, to turn Serbia into a pariah until it lets go of Bosnia?

Mr. Milosevic bears chief blame for the bloodletting. Bosnia preferred to remain in a loosely confederal Yugoslavia. But when he whipped up Serbian nationalism, driving out other republics, Bosnia was forced to flee a Serb-dominated rump state.

Now, ignoring the latest U.S. entreaty, he seems determined to dismember Bosnia. Serb irregulars and the Serb-led Yugoslav Army are stepping up their barrages against

Bosnia's defenseless towns. They have seized two-thirds of Bosnia and driven tens of thousands from their homes.

There are several concrete ways for the United States to take the lead oow:

 Deny recognition to Serbia as Yugo-slavia's legal beir; break relations with the Yugoslav shell; expel the Milosevic gang from international organizations like the United Nations.

peacekeeping forces in Sarajevo and disperse them through Bosnia. • Tighten, and enforce, the economic blockade on landlocked Serbia.

To be effective, these diplomatic and economic pressures require full cooperation from Europe. Much as it did in the Gulf War, Washington can mobilize a unified Europe. Nn one has a greater stake in territorial integrity than the rest of Europe, East and West. Europeans cannot - dare not tolerate Mr. Milosevic's dangerous attempt to change Bosnia's borders by force.

Stepping up the pressure may at a minimum rouse Serbs opposed to aggressive Milosevic nationalism. Many have fled or gone into hiding rather than march with a marauding Yugoslav Army. If the rest truly care about protecting kinsmen in Bosnia and elsewhere, they will press their government to stop the terror and get out of Bosnia. If Americans believe in the principle that aggression is intolerable, they will stand up for it, oil or no oil.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## A Fast-Fading Dividend

increased defense dividend they began the year by promising. The result is that the appropriators now will have to take the unfamiliar step of cutting domestic spend-ing in real terms in a weak economy and an election year. The confident early talk from the Democrats was that defense could and should be cut billions of dollars below what the president requested. Their idea was to breach the budget agreement by shifting the savings or some of them to domestic programs rather than using them all to reduce the deficit. The limits on spending would not be affected; the breakup of the Soviet Union made it possible to change the mix.

That is reasonable enough policy — but it was in the abstract, before the leaders had counted votes, and before all the members had assessed the likely effects of a smaller defense budget on such things as hometown contracts, installations, National Guard units and jobs. The House did vote for defense cuts two to three times larger than the president's, but deserted the leadership on shifting the savings to domestic purposes. The Senate, in its budget resolution, failed to support even the deeper cuts. The measures still occi to be reconciled, but the tight cap in the budget agreement on 1993 domestic appropriations has been retained.

The cap requires the moral equivalent of a domestic appropriations freeze; in real or inflation-adjusted terms, it translates into a cut in these domestic programs, taken all together, of about \$6.5 billion, or 3 percent. The funds, and disappointment, will be apportioned in two stages. The first will occur when the money is divided among the appropriations subcommittees. This is where hroad priorities are set. No step in the budget process is more funda-mental, yet these decisions are made entirely by the appropriations committees without reference to the members at large. The next stage — the writing of bills — is the allocation of funds among programs within each subcommittee. By this time the process is aften fratricidal - not competition across the broad purposes of gov-

ernment hut within those purposes.

Last year the subcommittees struggled; this year they will struggle more. Since in real terms total appropriations will be headed down, any program that goes up will do so doubly at its competitors' expense. The great question is how much of this intramural bloodletting either Congress or the administration will want to keep up as Election Day approaches. One theory is that a break-out will occur in the form of an end-of-session bill to make all programs whole by taking down the wall between defense and domestic appropriations after all. The president and members who resisted the step this spring are likely to find it harder to do so in the fall. A modestly greater defense dividend of some kind is still there to be had, they say. It gets harder to believe.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

## Lettists for President

president among George Bush, Bill Clinton and Ross Perot? Regardless of the vote totals in November, the correct answer is Lefthanders International, based in Topoka, Kansas. Its delighted members have discovered that all three candidates or near-

candidates are left-handed. That is true for 10 percent of the adult public, including the writer of this left-handed political analysis, and for them the striking coincidence may be the most heartening development since Leonardo painted "Mona Lisa" and Michelangelo carved "David," left-handedly of course. Southpaws are reminded daily that they

belong to an unthinkingly abused minority. The most blatant bias is mechanical: tools, appliances, automobiles, even stairs and ducling swords are usually designed by and for arrogant right-handers. More insidious is the linguistic tilt to the right - as in "adroit" and "maladroit," from the French meaning "to the right," or "sinister," from the Italian term for left.

Because right-handedness is deemed nor-mal, left-handed children were often seen as freaks, needing forcible correction. According to Lefthanders International, Ronald Reagan was among the millions who were

born southpaws but who switched sides anticipating his similar rightward transit in politics. If parents and teachers are less ferociously intolerant nowadays, that is partly because left-handers are believed to

excel in some sports, notably baseball.

Hence the indignation among left-handers over a recent book, "The Left-Hander Syndrome," hy Stanley Coren. He is so righteous that some wonder if be is not a self-hating portsider (he claims to be right-handed). The author insists that although athletes like Babe Ruth batted left they were really rightcycd, and that southpaw superiority in base-ball is a myth. Direr still, he cites data suggesting that left-handers have a shorter life expectancy hy an average of nine years.

The statistics are in dispute, but even if true, they do not prove the inferiority of left-handers or their bumbling mability to avoid accidents, as Mr. Coren seems to believe. Instead, they show the need to

make life for southpaws safer and fairer. Millions of American lefties are tired of being repeatedly denied a presidential choice (until Mr. Bush, it is said that Gerald Ford, Harry Truman and James Garfield were the only left-handers). This year, they cannot lose.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES

## Other Comment

#### **Together Against Milosevic**

The invasion of Bosnia-Herzegovina by the Yugoslav federal army and Serbian irregulars is an international aggression and a human rights abuse. Coming after U.S. and European recognition of Bosnia-Herzegovina's sovereign independence and after the torturous world efforts to end the similar fighting in Croatia, this invasion affronts the United Nations, Europe and all who

wish Yugoslavian peoples well. Bosnia's declaration of independence was a last-contingency effort to avoid being absorbed in a Greater Serbia or truncated Yu-

goslavia after Slovenian, Croatian and Macedonian independence became facts. This ethnic tinderbox is victim of Slobodan Milosevic's worst offense of Serbian hegemonism. Most of the Serbian people in Serbia are fed up with atrocity in their name and counter-atrocity against their kin in Croatia.
The Conference on Security and Coopera-

tion in Europe rightly excommunicated Ser-bia. Further sanctions should be prepared if needed against Serbian-dominated Yugoslavia. Serbia deserves its place in the sun, but not by trampling the rest of what used to be its own country.

- The Baltimore Sun.

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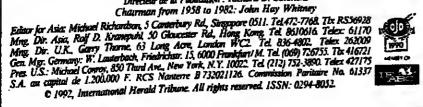
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#### Czechs Must Expose Those Skeletons in the Closet Whatever Mr. Havel decides,

WASHINGTON — During four decades of communism. intelligent individuals in Czechoslovakia could not use their gifts profitably unless they joined the Communist Party or collaborated with it. Thus, today perhaps 90 percent of the civil servants who can run

their democratic society have skeletons in the closet. Although not proud of their past, they are on the defensive, because suddenly so many victims of the old Communist regime want to hold

them responsible for its atrocities. Tn protect their confused con-sciences, they claim that they had to do "it" to feed their families, and that if they had not done "it" somebody else would have, and that things would then have been much worse because they, at least in their

consciences, did oot hurt anybody. Deep in their hearts, they say, they never identified with the cruelty, corruption and abuse of power. Many say they conscientiously tried to sep-arate themselves from the regime by correcting excesses, some paying a heavy price for their pains, I have By Milos Forman

no reason to disbelieve these people. The problem is that these hundreds of thousands of local and national officials, bureaucrats, managers and apparatchiks now form a kind of very powerful political organization, the Skeletons in the Closet Party. This party is not based on ideology or economic philosophy, and does not have leaders or headquarters. Officially it does not exist.

Yet everybody feels its presence.
It is a brotherhood of those who

refuse to accept responsibility for the past and admit guilt.

Many people who were badly persecuted under the Communists now turn to prosecutors only to find out that once again justice is being perverted because the prosecutors are good friends and colleagues of the former persecutors.

Most privatized enterprises are still in the hands of the managers who ran them under the Communists. Some may be very capable, even honest, but because none is "clean" they are susceptible to

enormous pressures and hlackmail tactics to gratify the ambitions

of old friends. A law barring any former senior Communist or secret police officials from holding high posts in government and in state-run industry for five years is widely ignored. Many National Assembly members collaborated with the secret police, but they do not feel shame or repentance. Their heads are high and they

fight eloquently, often successfully, for legislation that favors members of the Skeletons in the Closet Party. President Vaclav Havel can either publicly hit out at these people or, acting on what I believe is his conviction, try to convince his oervous countrymen that collective revenge would bring only short-term

relief, for revenge breeds revenge. If Czechoslovaks want to break the vicious circle they must risk giving the ex-Communists in the civil service and in industry the benefit of the doubt and a chance to reform and readjust.

change 300 legislators overnight.

The almost impossible challenge is to discover how deeply the Skeletons in the Closet Party has penetrated the scores of parties fielding candidates. The Czechs and Slovaks must overcome the inertia born of letting others make their decisions.

nothing is more important than the National Assembly elections on June 5 and 6. The assembly enacts

laws, and society is renewed where

the laws are made. No former

Communist country can replace

its vast army of former civil ser-vants and industrial managers

overnight, but the nation can

and must make an extra effort to oust the assembly incumbents who belong to this hidden party.

If they do not, this time they won't be able to blame anyone but themselves for the society that will be fashioned in coming years.

The writer, a friend of President: Vaciav Havel of Czechoslovakia, is a film director. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

## Again the State Kills, as Vengeance Again Prevails

BOSTON — All the countries of the Western world save one have stopped executing criminals. Why is the United States the exception? Why are most Americans enthusiastic supporters of capital punishment?

again by the execution of Robert Altoo Harris in California. At 6:10 Tuesday morning, after a night of judicial orders and counterorders, cyanide filled the San Quentin gas chamber. At 6:21 Robert Harris was pronounced dead.

The answer must lie, at least partly, in public revulsion at the level of crime in America, especially violent crime. Murder is almost a commonplace event in the life of some American cities. in 1988 there were 8.4 hamicides per 100,000 Americans. In Germany the figure was 4.2, in British 2 % in Japan 1.2

Statistics cannot fully convey the horror of murder as an American phenomenon. Killing in the course of crime is bad enough. But we have something else now: casual killing, killing for kicks, the so-called drive-by murders.

That Americans are outraged by such things is

not surprising and not wrong. Decent people want to do something to stop the killing.

The trouble is that capital punishment has no measurable restraining effect on murder. There is simply no showing that it is a deterrent. States that execute people do not have lower murder rates than states without capital punish There is something more primitive in the Ameri-

WASHINGTON — At dawn nn Tnesday, Robert Alton Har-ris, a dnuble murderer, died in a California gas chamber, California's

first execution in 25 years. There is

no doubt that he deserved to die. In my view, however, California should

Not because there is anything un-constitutional about the death penal-

ty. The Fifth Amendment takes it as a

given. Moreover, capital punishment may be cruel, but it is not unusual. A

measure that is approved by 36 states can hardly be deemed one against

Nor is there any high principle that the state may not put people to death. There are reasons of state, war for

example, for which the state will put

tens of thousands of people to death

(and risk the lives of thousands of its

Nor is capital punishment unjust,

Indeed, justice is the most powerful

argument for capital punishment.

When a man wantonly kills two boys, as did Robert Harris, it is hard to

think of any penalty short of death

that would restore the moral order

Nonetheless, I oppose capital punishment on the following

grounds: It is a mark of civilization

to maintain order at the lowest pos-

sible level of official violence. One is

not supposed to talk these days

about higher and lower levels of civi-

lization. Even political correctness

would admit that the less a society

has recourse to official violence the

more civilized it is.
In America, we do not cut off the

hands of thieves. We do not keelhanl

miscreant sailors. We no longer have

public whippings. Each abolition

represents an advance of civili-

zation. Abolition of the death penal-

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not have killed him.

By Anthony Lewis

can demand for executions. It is a demand for . vengeance whether or not it actually reduces the

A young man demonstrating outside the San Quentin prison wore a T-shirt saying "Gas Killer Harris" and carned a sign quoting the Old Testa-ment: "Thou shalt give life for life, eye for eye," Again, those feelings are understandable. But

the insistence on vengeance — the public pressu for executions - is worse than irrelevant to the problem of deadly violence. For the state to kill provides an example of official violence. Details of Robert Harris's last

moments in the gas chamber can only desensitize us in the Faculture worse, to the sate of underlying problem: the culture of violence in America.

Why should we be surprised at random killing

when television offers up dozens, hundreds, of murders a day? Why when foul language and calls for violence are the common coin of youth culture? The First Amendment gives Americans the constitutional right to speak in extreme ways, and that is a wise freedom. But it does not follow that broadcast stations and music examen its and popular publishers have an obligation to degrade the public taste and glorify violence.

Capital punishment is a distraction — a red

herring — from the need to give some meaning to young lives apart from hate and violence. It is a

By Charles Krauthammer

laws banning the advocacy of racist

ideas. I would oppose such laws for the United States, again not on grounds of principle but on grounds that, today and in America, such laws

are an unnecessary infringement on liberty and thus unworthy of an ad-

vanced democracy.
Nazism, communism and other in-

tolerant extremisms are laughably marginal in American politics. David

Duke's 15-minute rise and fall have

made the point once again. Nonethe-

less, if some day some totalitarians posed a real challenge to our system of liberty (as did the Nazis to the Weimar Republic), I could see no

reasonable argument against their

In a time of clear and present dan-ger, liberty is not obliged to commit

suicide. Lincoln certainly did not think so when he suspended habeas

corpus during the Civil War. But we

do not live in such a time of extreme

danger. Far from it. Totalitarians are a finige of the fringe. So long as they remain so, why diminish the first of

all rights — speech — to deal with a threat that is not a threat?

Which brings us to the speech

codes now being imposed in the uni-versities. In principle, there might be a situation in which one would com-

tenance such limits on speech. In the

midst of an epidemic of racial and

ethnic hostility that made normal life

and scholarly discourse impossible,

one might be willing to suspend the traditional rules and outlaw certain

kinds of speech. But America is no-

where near such a situation. Where

the situation does not apply, neither should curtailments of speech.

Thus, those who oppose capital

suppression, forcible if necessary.

ty represents a further advance.
I do not oppose capital punishment in principle. If capital punish-

ment could be demonstrated to de-

ter murder, I might be persuaded to tolerate a few exemplary hangings to

save many innocents. But there is no convincing evidence that the death penalty deters. Murder rates in

states with the death penalty are just as high as in neighboring states without it. In states where the death

penalty has been introduced, mur-der rates do not, no average, gn

down. And in states where the death

penalty has been abolished, murder

When something as barbaric as cold-blooded execution by the state

makes no appreciable contribution to

public safety it deserves abolition. True, justice militates for capital punishment. But on balance, it seems

to me worth forgoing the satisfac-tions of perfect justice — as all of Western Europe has done — to live in

a society civilized enough to maintain

This kind of argument against the death penalty may have useful appli-

cation to issues other than capital

punishment. The idea of choosing a

course that makes for a more refined,

more advanced, more civilized soci-

ety can be of help in thinking our way

through political contindrums which

are otherwise reduced to a clash of

Take free speech, for example.

There is serious debate in the United

States, particularly in the universi-ties, over the establishment of legal

codes outlawing racist, sexist or oth-

Several democracies - Canada

and Germany, for example - have ponishment or who oppose speech

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order without judicial killing.

rates do not go up.

distraction, too, from the need to do something about the guns that do most of the killing.

Last, and not least, capital ponishment can lead. to irrevocable mistakes. Just last month in California two men who had served 17 years of life tors told a court that they had been framed. "My hope is that you can spend the remainder of your lives not consumed by bitterness," the judge said.

Had they been sentenced to death, they would have had no remainder to enjoy.

Robert Harris had competent lawyers during his 13-year effort to avoid the gas chamber. But most of the 169 people executed since the Supreme Court in 1976 allowed capital punishment to resume died. because they were poor and were given lawyers without the experience or resources to defend them adequately. There is the specifical manual for the death penalty surge. Other countries treat the issue as a nonpartisan one; in Britain, the House of

Commons votes on it without party positions.

In America, conservatives made it a partisan law-and-order issue. Now almost no political leader resists the trend. Governor Bill Clinton went home to Arkansas in January to be there when a

brain-damaged man was executed.

There are about 1,600 people on death row in the United States, and the Supreme Court is trying to hasten the execution process. So we can expect. more and more executions — until perhaps, some day, reason overtakes primitive emotion

The New York Times.

vanced, civilized society should strive

to preserve public order and social peace with an absolute minimum of official violence to life and liberty.

Someday, some emergency might warrant the state aggressively hanging criminals and gagging dissidents. But until that day, it would be a credit to

American society to try to get by with-

The Noose and the Gag: This Society Can Do Without

codes need not do so in the name of some holy principle that the state may not take away life or liberty — it may — but on the ground that an ad-

resources from human needs is con-founded by the immediate hardships of blocking them. To use the military phrase, it is time to bite the bullet and admit that it barts to demilization

cence from the illness of overaming, not the windfall of recovery. And it is certainly worth it, the best post-Cold

## out the noose and the gag. Washington Post Writers Group.

#### 1892: Bernhardt's Rage

created quite a scene at a spiritualistic scance she attended here last night [April 22]. She took some members of her company with her. The alleged spirits floated in and out of the cabi-net, and cluded all Mme. Bernhard's efforts to hold them. When the lights were turned up she raised no end of a rumpus, and wound up with a highly dramatic display of temper, accusing her company of being in league with the medium in deceiving her.

1917: Allied Enthusiasm

ers, and processions passed through avenues preceded by bands playing: and having lost its bearing inale a the "Marsellaise" and the American and Argentine national hymns. The crowd, carrying the flags of the Aircrowd, carrying the flags of the Aircrowd, carrying the flags of the Aircrowd plane and its crown.

Hurrah for the United States! Hurray for the Allies! War! War!" News of the demonstration was received in Rio de Janeiro with cheering entires asm. The crowd tore down printed appeals of the International League for Peace, which advised the nation not to declare war against Germany.

#### 1942: U.S. Crew Is Held MOSCOW - From our New York

edition:] Tass, the Soviet news against announced today [April 24] that an American plane identified by its crew as a participant in the air raids of Japanese cities last Saturday made a 18; an American warplane tamled in Maritime territory. According to the statement of the plane's crew on the day this plane had perfurpated to a

By Flora Lewis

P ARIS — One thing the United States and the former Soviet in

publics now have in common is the

main of trying to deministrate their

economies at the end of the Cold

War. Both have urgent need to that

resources to civilian use. Both find it

dramatically harder to do than to say.

would be funny to watch the US

Congress backing away from cuts on

new weapons spending to realize a "peace dividend," even on items like

the F-16 fighter and a second 32 billion Seawolf submarine which the

Pentagon actually wants to cancel

Military contracts mean jobs, and

at a time of recession no constressmin is keen to go home and boast that he voted to throw thousands of his con-

The Pentagon learned long 100 how to sprinkle orders around the

country to assure a maximum number of districts would find local profit in the defense budget so as to add up

stituents out of work.

And they are not alone.

If it were not so distre

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the needed number of votes. President George Bush wants to spend \$1.5 trillion on the military over the next five years, and the Pentagon came up with a cockamanie scenario for the United States to remain such a well-armed world police man that pobody would dare to challenge its super power.
The Russians do not make the same pretense of having to keep re-nearing heavy muscle. But they have the same problems of whole regions being dependent on military indus-try, and dare not cut them off. ry, and dare not cut them off.
In comparison, disposal of existing arsenals is easy, though certainly not child's play. Nothing much has been done about getting rid of the big proportion of nuclear arms which Washington and Moscow have said they are willing to shed. They have to

be moved, stored, protected and eventually destroyed, but the fissile material cannot be safely dumped.

According to Yuli Vorontsov, the
Russian ambassador to the United Nations, Moscow is ready to propose a new UN agency to collect the pluto-nium and enriched transium, process it so that it can only be used in civilian power plants and not for weapons, and then lease it under aspervision. It is a good idea.

Used conventional weapons can be dumped and reclaimed as scrap. Expensive, but they were meant to be wasted or replaced. The really had part is the social as well as economic cost of dramatic production cuts and the switch to civilian output. It is tantalizing to calculate how

many more jobs; could be created building roads, bridges and schools than would be lost. But the people who build planes and submarines are

not looking to go on road gangs. So elaborate arguments are devised about the need to maintain military industrial capacity, just in case. They come from the same people who used to argue that the United States had to could easily spend the Soviets into the dust. Nobody asked, then what? America converted to civilian pro-

duction swiftly and successfully after World War II, partly because plans had been made, partly because backed-up U.S. demand and Mar-shall Plan aid assured avid markets. Now the new military build-up when the Cold War started is given as a reason to keep big defense mustires, became a hung new time at might, and dealy be conjured.

Meanwhile plants are chuming out hardware that has to be sold. The United States and France are worned about losing Asian markets to the Soviets, who have already offered new MiG-29s to Malaysia at a third to a half the party of rival Western party. China supports its ever-growing military spending by solling whatever

and wherever it can.

Despite fine talk about organizing international restraint on sales to the Middle East after the Gulf War, the United States is leading the pack in new contracts. SIPRI, the anthorititive Stockholm research institute estimates total 1991 arms transfer at \$22 billion, one-fifth to Middle East countries, of which two-thirds came from the United States.

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NEW YORK - Mme. Bernhardt

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Perhaps a case can be made during Perhap condition from the enemy. But that does not excuse a dying president from hiding his illness to benefit his candidacy. Nor does it excuse the doctors for a candi-date in peacetime for misleading the voters. A doctor can properly refuse to say enything about a patient, but ethical

doctors do not lie.

Does the public have a right to know the intimate details of the health of candidates for president? Do doctors, directed by the candidate to tell the whole truth, have a right to hold back evidence that might lead to a different prognosis? That issue has been raised again in the case of Paul Tsongas, who suspended his campaign last month, but not for rea-sons of health. He presented himself as a recovered cancer patient and forthrightly told his doctors in Boston to lay out

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After Mr. Tsongas's bone marrow

transplant, the cancer recurred in a lymph node. This required additional radiation treatment and creating a cause for concern. It is hard to fault the gutsy candidate, who may have men-tioned the troublesome node to a reporter or two. But he did not understand, or was not overly eager to explore, its possible significance.

His specialists in Boston (whose funerals Mr. Tsoogas may well attend) will issue statements about how forthcoming they have been, or how laymen can never understand the complexities they face.

But the political fact is this: If Mr.

Tsongas had been the front-runner Thursday, his campaign would have been over. When doctors disagree about a person's ability to complete a term, voters will turn elsewhere.

How do we apply this lesson to future presidential candidates? We have seen how personal physicians and even entire hospitals have a conflict of interest between patient privacy and public responsibility. To avert that conflict, let the Republican and Democratic Nation-Committees appoint a candidate's medical review board.

That panel could review the candidates' medical records in camera, interview their doctors, examine the candidates if necessary, and issue a simple statement about the candidates' health. As Mr. Tsongas wrote to his doctors Wednesday, urging full disclosure, Limited access to the record will no

longer be an option in the future." Privacy is a value; The public need not pry into any psychological consul-tations, none of which should be an impediment to public service.

But good health is a qualification for office. Americans do have the right not to be misled about the life expectancy of the person we make the most powerful leader in the world.

The New York Times.



## under today's media scrutiny.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Never Mind the Issues

Regarding "Now They Put Harry on Page 1" (Meanwhile, April 14): As if to clinch Ward Just's argument that reporting of campaign news this

year has been inferior, you ran a 28-paragraph story on Page 1 of the same day's newspaper on Ross Perot that contained four sentences on Mr. Perot's policy positions, three of which were in the last two paragraphs. The horse-race aspect of campaign politics has become an obsession, pushing policy debate out of the newspaper.

JANET McMAHON,

**Privacy for Public Figures** Regarding "The Watchdog Could Do With Some Taming" by Arthur Ashe (Meanwhile, April 14):

I can understand Arthur Ashe's anger at the press's "ratting" on him. For the past few years readers of "scrious" papers have increasingly been given a diet

of people-oriented stories (they are evidently considered too dumb to under-

stand the issues).

A lot of readers, however, are not interested in knowing everything about the private lives of public figures. Perhaps editors and publishers should re-examine their priorities. Let's have a hit less pandering to the public, more substance, and every coce in a while, a dose of human decency.

HARRIET WELTY ROCHEFORT. Neuilly-sur-Scine, France.

Easy Payment Plan

Regarding "To Pursue Pence, Israelis Have to Be Able to Trust in America" (Opinion, April 2):

Meir Rosenne writes that Israel has always repaid its debts. But so would any country that had members of the U.S. Congress writing off old credits on a periodic basis and guaranteeing annual positive net disbursements.

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SAMNIR SANBAR

BATTAMBANG, Cambodia — If your workday runs from four in the morning to dawn. I guess you have the right to a sour face. Cambodia's professional bandits seem to think so.

No one who can afford the \$45 flight would drive the 300 kilometers (180 miles) from Cambodia's second city. Battambang, to Phnom Penh, I was told. The roads are just not safe enough. And just not comfortable enough, I thought uncharitably. But I pitched up nonetheless at the share-taxi station at 4:30 A.M., rush bour for crowded cars and trucks leaving for the capital.

suspended in the darkness.

Near them, we saw antiquated assault nifles swaying to the night.

tary-style beret, appeared unfazed. He went on, relieved at baving survived our businessman, too, building the bandit-bush with banditry. Until our next money into the S5 cost of the trip. brush, that is, a kilometer further on. to daylight, the more threateningly sulky the bandits became. In Cambodia, where

By Elizabeth Pisani

In Cambodia, the Toll-Takers Come Armed

who have not been paid for almost half a year. They, or others like them, have been fighting the vicious Khrner Rouge and other anti-government factions for 13 years, and if they now have to blow

#### MEANWHILE

up the occasional bus or car to scare travelers into making up for lost income, well, no big deal.

Certainly none of the 22,000 United Not five minutes out of town we were Nations peacekeepers who have started forced to a halt before three torches to flood the country are up here before dawn to slap their wrists. Our driver, a regular on this route.

cruised through some roadblocks, consid-Our driver, looking jaunty in a milistripped of all we bad, car included, than helo out a roll of notes - 500 riel, that we would be shot. He was still alive: around 60 cents. It was grabbed and we as a risk analyst, so far, so good. A mifty

Bandits, like cyanide, seem to decom-The further from town and the closer pose in daylight. The vacuum was instantly filled by prange-clad monks who set up shop by the side of the road (this Many of these men are regular soldiers whose salary is \$12 a month and month

Perhaps grateful to have survived the Herald Tribune.

predawn sector of the journey, the Cambodian passengers give generously.

And drivers keep track of one another through the human and natural hazards of Route 5, which runs like a dusty occklace of potholes across the cracked earth of Cambodia in the dry season. Shock absorber couldn't take the pace? A driver close behind will have a spare in the trunk. He'll swap it for a tire to replace his flat. No one wants to get stuck on this road as night falls.

Or off it. There are said to be seven million land mines in place in Cambodia, most of them in Battambang Province, many of them close to major roads. Think about that when you are trying to find a bush to squat behind.

There is no end to the money-making opportunities along the way. Whole villages set themselves up as road-fixers. Tiny children and old crones bent nearly in half — they form a majority in rural hamlets sucked dry by years of war and political murder. Deaf-mutes clowning around in monkey suits, oversized puppets on stilts. Is there no end to the absurd anucs of those to search of a penny in the hostile Cambodian countryside? Is there no end to the need?

The writer, a free-lance journalist, contributed this account to the International

### An American Generation in Search of a Future

PARIS — It isn't easy to be a young American today. My generation's fu ture, when you compare it to the long binge of political might and economic prosperity America experienced after the war, looks incertain and diminished.

Growing up during the late 70s and the 80s, we headed full-till toward business, law. medicine and advertising. Our formative years came before Ivan Boesky and Michael Milken got caught. But just as we were about to enter the job market in the late '80s, employees at Boeing. General Dynamics and General

Motors began getting pink slips. We find ourselves confronting problems. In the short term, we will have to lower our expectations about job security and earning ability. A longer-term problem is the general weakness of the economy: There seem to be fundamental

defects that will not go away quickly. A good part of the world now seems to be taking subtle pleasure in America's weaknesses — oot just its economic troubles, but the dilapidated education and bealth-care systems, the persistent racism and growing bomelessness. Past anti-Americanism had nothing in

By Heather Green

common with the disdainful new disillusignment that many people seem to have with the deficit-ridden, socially torn United States. The earlier brand of anti-Americanism was motivated largely by America's strengths. The current sentiment responds to its weaknesses.

The elements of America's traditional attraction, its overwhelming drive, optimism and sense of moral rightness, either exist no longer or bave lost their charm. With them goes some of the country's

credibility. My generation has inherited an economically unsound and politically unsure America that has no long-term recovery in sight, oor any new enemy

against which to rally. America is our responsibility: as we enter the job market and eventually po-sitions of power and influence, we will have to deal with profound doubts. We wonder whether the country will be able to finance or influence world policies -

not, as before, whether it should do so.

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Patrick Buchanan's "new nationalism"

and defeatist a return to an isolationism that is unnatural for an economic power. It only underlines the lurch and stumble of today's U.S. leadership.

represents one response to America's

problems. But his approach is codgerly

The uncertainty of this period does give us time to weigh the past; it provides time to ponder just what our "American morality" consists of.

But long-term doubt is foreign to the American mind-set. A whole generation beset by it would undermine some of the best American traditions of optimism and self-confidence.

It is difficult to be a young American today. We are not nostalgic for the superpower days when our country was, at times, a blundering actor. What we would like to retrieve, what we must build, is a United States that is strong enough internally to bolster our external credibility; and open and dynamic enough for us to build lives of bope and creativity.

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## Here's Katmandu, The '90s Version

By Susan Keselenko Coll

ATMANDU — "Terminator II" is playing at the Rimini pizzeria, while a group of long-haired tour-ists in a nearby cale discuss the philosophical implications of shaving their legs. The 1960s may have come and gone, but the crowds around this funky Thamel neighborhood of Katmandn clutch cups of berbal tea and cling fast to an attitude that may be slipping even in this remote Himala-

yan kingdom. The Katmandu Valley has long been a stopping ground for those who come to trek in the surrounding mountains, go white water rafting, or simply tour the region's pal-aces, temples, and Buddhist stuppas. Over the last two decades, Thamel has evolved as the oeighborhood of choice for travelers looking for good food and weighty conversations in the area's abundant cafes and friendly guest bouses. There is no shortage of shopping opportunities, either — shops are chock full of everything from Tibetan car-pets and Thanka paintings to Nepalese

crafts, puzzle rings and prayer wheels. While the serene mountains can still be elimpsed on the increasingly rare clear day. and hawkers continue to peddle "smoke," tiger balm, and T-shirts, subtle signs of change are everywhere. Thamel's economy seems to have less to do with crafts and carpets these days than with telecommunications, as plentiful as the bulletin board notices for trekking partners and Thai massages. Streets that were once full of rice paddies and grazing cows are now choked with exhaust fumes, and cars and auto rick-shaws battle unwieldy bicycle tongas to pass through congested narrow lanes.

Even the aging, turbaned Mr. Babushingh, who has parked himself in front of the same botel for 20 years reading horoscopes, palms, and faces, is packing it in — his blood pressure is too high, he says, and be's going to Delhi to recuperate for a while.

Despite the encroaching modern world and a decline in tourism in recent years, Thamel hardly seems to be suffering. Tables at the more popular cafés are full, and the Katmandu Guest House is overbooked. The inn's popularity can be ascribed in equal parts to its location and its prices — from \$2 a night to \$20, and even if one's tastes run toward five-star botels with cable television, it is worth a visit to witness such entrepre-

Should \$2 a night stretch the budget, there is yet another tier. Ned Kelly's guest house, for example, offers a 60 rupee room, and with the currency recently devalued, this may be one of the world's best bargains. Should you be curious enough to ask, the desk clerk will tell you all in one sentence that Ned Kelly is a) a friend of the owner, b) a bar in Hong Kong, cl an Australian folk hero who was hanged, and d) a tourist who will visit the guest bouse in his next life.

continue. The Pumpernickle Bakery has been doing business for eight years catering largely to Israeli tourists by serving jam tarts

and bagels and cream cheese.

Across the street, K.C.'s Restaurant and Bambooze Bar offers a selection ranging from cheeseburgers to pumpkin pie to brown rice stir fry, Pramod Kumar Chettri, nephew of the legendary K.C., laments that although business is still booming at peak season, times have indeed changed. There are not so many vagabond types these days," he says. "We used to have a really tough

Chettri recalls with a twinkle in his eye a certain tourist who used to routinely break forks by flicking them between two fingers. Then there were the rowdy patrons who would order endless bottles of beer, dance on tables, and expose themselves. These heady days are over, he says. "Today there are more budget travelers . . . money is more of a problem.

Even with the changing times, Thamel strives to preserve an era. Bot there's more to the average tourist than meets the eye wandering the neighborhood one finds a group of elderly and disabled British adventurers, and the scruffy looking guy on the street turns out to be a German banker, an American dentist, or a callege professor.

Whatever the future of Thamel may be some merchants believe it will endlessly ex-pand, others predict it will self-strangle — as long as there are mountains to climb there will be tourists and for now, at least, Thamel offers an armsing respite for those looking for a good piece of chocolate cheesecake, or something otherwise familiar and nostalgic.

Susan Keselenko Coll is a free-lance writer

cutting costs, getting back to basics. leaving behind their selfish, drag, getting older. And here, the with 15 or 20 "functions" (grate or bought back in the old days and maybe they replaced it because fancier blenders came along," New York food maybe those new ones just didn't anything that speaks of old-time

## Visiting an Empire's Absurd Ruins

By Ian Johnson

ERLIN - As heroic statues and class warfare rhetoric make way for the new in eastern Germany, a few stubborn memorials and museums persist in telling of the Soviet Union's 45-year

reign.
Strewn about the former East Berlin like dinosaur bones, these superhuman figures and musty exhibits show the Berlin of up to three years ago, when the wall was high and celebrating the Soviet Union's heroics was a matter of state policy.

While every Eastern European city has its

Soviet memorials, Berlin is full of them. Not only did the Soviets want to remind everyone of their great military victory over Nazi Germany, but East German rulers knew that they existed by grace of their Soviet patrons, and so built accordingly. Today, the artifacts give a rare taste of the ancies régime.

One of the most interesting but forgotten reminders of the Soviet Union is the Museum of the Unconditional Surrender of Fascist Germany in the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945. The museum is fittingly located in the Berlin district of Karlshorst, and due to be vacated in 1994. Surrounded by World War Il artillery pieces and tanks, the museum now

flies the German and Russian flags but contains vintage Soviet material

Save for the odd tour bus, the museum i usually empty. Sharp-eyed babushkas and fresh-faced soldiers follow the odd visitor through the 10 rooms, which seem to have less to do with explaining the Wehruncht's surrender than with legitimizing the Red Army's presence in Germany to its com soldiers. Only a few signs are in German and none in English, although an abridged guidebook is available.

The exhibition also does not try to explain the war in any conventional sense. Tours begin and end in Lenin Hall, where the Russian Revolution is extolled. Other rooms are filled with eclectic historical objects, such as Zyklon B gas cannisters, weapons, uniforms and Soviet propaganda posters. Mixed in is much brica-brac: earth from the "hoty fortress" of Brest Litovsk, inaccurate dioramas and rusty heshmets.

The unashamedly ideological interpreta-tion—the party led the people and army to inevitable victory—makes visiting the unuse-um a trip in a time machine. Not too long ago, every museum in East Germany also celebrated the inevitable victory of Communism and overplayed the importance of German Communist resistance to the Nazis. Almost an afterthought to the machine

the Wehrmacht signed its surrender.

Decanters still sit on the shirty wooden tables and flags hang as they did when British, French, German and Soviet officers sealed the official end of the six-year blood-

bath. On the way out of Lenin Hall, one can't help thinking that one great cause of the Soviet peoples' suffering in the war is not mentioned—the Statimism that pervades the The museum is one of 12 Soviet war monu-

ments in Berlin and dozens of war cemeteries

across the country that Germany is bound by

treaty to protect.

After the Red Army leaves, perhaps in two years or so, however, the museum may be modernized and brought up to a more professional standard —a gain for those interested in a factual account of the war but a loss of Soviet-era reminders.

Also a must-see before its probable destruction is a monument near the Brandenburg Gate on Strasse des 17. Junis. This soldier, flanked by two T-34 tanks and pointing an accusing finger at passersby, is said to be so structurally unsound that he will be torn down or topple on his own accord in the

next few years.

Of the other memorials, the most impressive are the Memorial to the Fallen Soviet Heroes in the district of Schonholz, where 13,000 Soviet troops are buried, and the more accessible one in Treptower Park, where an other 5,000 troops found their rest.
Formerly an English-style garden, Trep-

tower Park now sports a huge statue of a caped Soviet soldier cradling a German childin one arm and holding a massive sword in the other. Under his left foot is a smashed

The soldier stands on top of a small mane learn that was often used on state-ordained anti-fascist celebrations but now is mostly shut. It is not unusual to see a rose tossed through the gate onto the mansoleum floor, adding a touch of poignancy to the harsh socialist realism.

The 30-meter-high ensemble, inspired by a Soviet soldier's saving of a German child from the SS, stands at the end of a large. square. In the middle are stone wreaths that honor the 5,000 soldiers and along the perimeter are 16 stone sarcophagi engraved with war scenes and quotations by Stalin. At the far end, facing the soldier, is a bowed and weeping granite Motherland. The museum is open Mondays to Fridays, 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Saturdays from 9 to 4, and Sundays from 9 to 2. Take the S-Bahn to S-Karishorst and then follow the signs for the Museum der Bedin-gungslosen Kapitulation des Faschistischen Dentschland, Admission is free. Treptower Park is best reached by the S-Balm to S-Treptower Park and then by following the signs for the Sowjetisches Elman

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Superhuman figures remind us of war but also its dark aftermath:

■ We've all heard how yuppies are spendthrift ways, in other words, what a Associated Press tells us, is another element in the yuppie decline index. It seems the hottest thing in kitchenware is the classic Waring Blendor, which unlike those crazy pushbutton machines chop? Purce or whip?) has only two speeds. "Everybody, or at least a lot of people, bad a Waring Blendor that they writer Holly Garrison told the AP. "But work as well. I think that to many people,

#### quality is comforting these days." Just down the street, the eccentricities



Catherine Deneuve and Vincent Perez in "Indochine." Right, Christian Bale and Ele Keats in "Newsies."

Indochine

Directed by Régis Wargnier. France. The seasoo's third film set in

Indochina outstrips the others in exotica. The crumbling empire bas never looked so good, and neither has Catherine Dencuve. As Eliane, heiress to a rubber plantation, she makes a chill haute couture kind of Scarlett O'Hara - cone of those clothes were made from curtains - bending everybody to her will. Then comes the revolution. Her lover, a French officer (Vincent Perez), takes off with her adopted daughter Camille (Linh Dan Pham), an Annamese princess. The film is strong on historical research - four writers tooled the screenplay and striched dialogue as claborate as Deneuve's gowns. It's a grand 2 hour, 40 minute tropical tour of colonial decay, sumptuous and a little exhaust-(Joan Dupont, IHT)

River With No Bridge Directed by Yoichi Higashi.

One of Japan's bravest modern novels is Sue Sumii's "Hashi no Nai Kawa," a book that bravely

attacks the discrimination even now suffered by the country's otberwise unacknowledged "untouchable" caste. Those so stigmatized find it difficult to marry, to get proper jobs, to rise in their professions. It was even worse in 1908 when the novel and this film version begins. Seitaro and Koji are barrassed by classmates and teachers to the extent that when they grow up they decide to do something about this gross prejudice. The novel has been filmed before, by the late Tadashi Imai, and here again Higashi tells the story in the vernacular of the conventional program film. The intention is ooble, the cast earnest, the attack on prejudice absolutely direct.

(Donald Richie, IHT) The Babe Directed by Arthur Hiller.

U.S. "You know, you can't put everything in a story, so I left out a few things," Babe Ruth reportedly said about his 1948 autoble said about here should have been two books, ooe for kids and one for adults." The oew film has no room for separate versions. But

it recounts a childlike success story at a time when adultminded disclosures are sometimes thought to represent a deeper truth. So this film does its best to bolster the mythic Ruth naïveté, going so far as to dress John Goodman as an oversize child for the title role and show him marveling at modern inventions (circa 1920) like the elevator. At the same time, the film acknowledges the kinds of recreational habits that would easily have kept Babe Ruth out of public office had be lived today. The hokum, heavily predictable, manages to be appealing all the same. Savoring every aspect of this much-told story, the film first finds little George Herman Ruth at St. Mary's Industrial School for Boys, outside Baltimore, as it depicts events ranging from 1902 (Babe's first brush with baseball) to 1935 (his heartbreaking farewell to the game). "The Babe," set mostly in the 1920s, has a period look, but it is held together almost entirely by Goodman's performance and Ruth's penchant for miracles. "The Babe" is aimed at anyone who believes in such

magic. (Janet Maslin, NYT)

Directed by Kenny Ortega.

This new live-action Disney musical attempts in a rather willful manner to revive the glorious beyday of Hollywood soog and dance films. And, in balance, the payoff is more posinve than negative. One kid, a runaway from the law named Jack (Christian Bale), has moxie to burn, which makes him the head mug among these lesser, marble-mouthed mugs. Supposedly, the events here are based oo a oewshoy strike against Pulitzer and Hearst in 1899. But the film's historical accuracy is incidental because the universe of "Newsies" is so stagebouod and unrealistic. Robert Davall as Pulitzer gives a riot of a performance. Ann-Margret shows up too, as a sexy chanteuse, but can't quite manage the self-caricaturing charisma needed to make the part work. All the kids handle themselves like old show biz pros. Still, with all that "Newsies" has going for it, you feel that, ultimately, you're more foud of the idea than the movie itself.

(Hal Hinson, WP)

## Now, a Karaoke in Every Home?

By Conrad de Aenlle International Herald Tribune

ARIS - Karaoke machines, the devices used to loosen Japan's rigid corporate social structure and let bosses and workers become regular guys through group sing-alongs, are avail-able in models for personal use. Now, with the flick of a switch, people all over the world can become regular guys in their own homes. Several companies make the machines, including Sony, Pioneer, Panasonic and Toshiba. Gary Frisch, a Panasonic spokesman fluent in technospeak, explained that a typical one "is a laser disk player with a karacke function [requiring] karaoke-compatible

The "karaoke functioo" allows a disk to play a song recorded without the vocal parts, while images, sometimes including the song lyrics, flash on a television screen. There will be a microphone or two, into which the brave or shameless can sing and have their vocals electronically merged with the stereo

Say the disk being played is "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." As the words where little cable cars climb halfway to the stars" are displayed on the screen, an image of cable cars might appear, maybe with Tony Bennett hanging off the side. It's not sophis-ticated stuff.

The recognized leader in this line of gadgetry is Pioneer Laser Entertainment, part of Pioneer Electronic Corp. Pioneer markets four karaoke players, three of which were introduced in January and offer "digital signal processors, which create surround sound effects," a Pioneer release notes.

"With this new feature, consumers can manipulate both instrumental and vocal sound tracks to create a variety of listening environments while playing [compact disks], laser disk movies and singing along to laser karaoke disks," the release explains.

The digital signal processing helps to create three atmospheres, "hall," "stage" and, for the karaoke participant whose ego cannot be confined under a roof, "arena." This last one "creates an atmosphere of singing at an outdoor arena; reverberation sounds are small and echoes are long."

Prices for the four Pioneer models range from \$730 to \$1,900 in the United States. They are also sold in Britain, Canada and



Australia. The company also markets karaoke disks, each containing four songs, and costing about \$20.

The technology for karaoke machines is relatively new, but not the general idea. They are basically the high-tech descendants of Mr. Microphone, a device hawked years ago in the middle of the night on American cable TV, along with other necessities, such as the Garden Weasel, the Popeet Pocket Fisherman and "the amazing Ginsu knives." Mr.

microphone and have his voice amplified and spat back out through a speaker.

Among today's low-end karaoke makers is a Hong Kong company called Video Tech-nology, which is primarily a maker of educa-tional aids. Last year it brought out a machine in Europe called Karaoke Kid. More recently, the company introduced Video Karaoke, which a spokeswoman described as more adult and sophisticated, and presumably aimed at buyers too embarrassed to own something called Karaoke Kid.

Both machines, which are battery operated, have similar features: stereo sound, dual microphones, and echo and other electronic effects. Each can be plugged into a television or stereo set or used on its own. The Kid model retails for £59, or a little over \$100, and the adult version for £65.

Two pricies brands sold in Britain are Arbiter and Goodmans. A spokeswoman for the British retailer Dixons said three players had been hot items this past Christmas: the Arbiter K3000, at £150; the Arbiter K5900. at £300, and the Goodmans Boogie Box, £90.

The genre has been catching on fast since Dixons began selling the machines about 18 months ago, said the spokeswoman. She said they were particularly popular at Dixons stores in London's West End, which carry a wider and more expensive selection.

For those who don't need the video frills

and want a piece of equipment they can use after the novelty of karaoke wears off, there is the relatively inexpensive Sony CDP-K!. It is basically a compact disk player that washes out the mid-range notes of the frequency band, where sung and spoken speech lurk. Some of the Pioneer models offer the same feature. The CDP-K1 comes with two microphones for dubbing over the work.

parts karaoke-style.

Additional features, Sony says in a release outlining the machine, include a "digital echo circuit" and "user adjustable pitch con trol," which allows a singer's notes to be ratcheted up or down an octave. Both are intended to assist singers whose desire of coeds their ability. The CDP-KL also plays.

CDs in normal fashion.
Sony introduced the CDP-K1 in the limit ed States last year with a suggested remi-price of \$295. Similar models with different code numbers are available in Japan and throughout Europe, the company said

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Ruins Madrid '92: Culture as Usual Secretary in the Contraction in property.

By Al Goodman

ADRID — Enrope's Cultural Capital for 1992 started the year with unfinished theaters.

Incomplete programming unspecific contracts and politicians bicksigned artistic community of the long over who was to blame.

Fortunately, everything has been care of, said a beaming Santiago González, chief image maker for the Madrid Cultural chief image maker for the Madrid Cultural Consortium, on a recent April aftersome In Capital and poor. Capital poor. No.

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the mices to boot. The "Matrid Villa y Corte" chamber series highlights music written by composers linked to the Spanish capital. This includes the Italian composers Luigi Boccherini and Domenicio Scarlatti, who lived in Madrid

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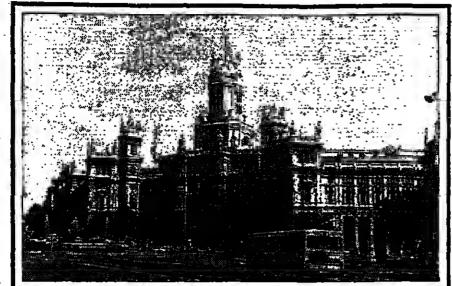
The Monday programs at 8 P.M. are in a 400-seat auditorium at the Prado Museum. - े स्वास्त्रं av Stalin, At & Hanging above the stage is a large 17th-century Flemish painting, "Orpheus" (by Theodore van Thuiden and collaborators), nous to Friday " M 10 5 P.Q.

in which the mythological figure charms ani-mals with his strumming of the lyre. The series on Mondays has free admission - - Nandays from the Mr. S-Barra Selver and Barra and entry is on a first-come, first-seated der Bes basis. The line sometimes forms more than Facilities an hour in advance of the Prado's main entrance, by the statue of Velázquez
Flamenco on Tuesdays is in an under-

- inen mu ground auditorium at the centrally-located Plaza de Colón. It is easy to find, unlike and the best Ball some overpriced flamenco tablaos around town, and the show starts at 10:30 P.M.

The list of flamenco singers, dancers and guitarists, ranging in age from 19 to 70, includes many of the well-known artists, but not guitarist Paco de Lucia and singer Cam-

The Centro Cultural de la Villa's main, wood-paneled theater has 776 comfortablypadded seats, all with e good view of the semi-circular stage except those in the front rows near the sides. Numbered seats, each for \$12, are on sale the Thursday before the



Madrid's Plaza de Cibeles and the ornate central post office.

show from 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. and 5 to 8

P.M. at the theater box office (closed Mondays). Several programs have sold out. The adjacent cafe is open until 1 A.M.

The jazz series on Thursdays features mainly established Spanish musicians. The Galileo Galilei locale (Calle Galileo, 100) is a former cinema turned nightclub. Its oormal fare ranges from salsa to juggling acts, and this year jazz was added. The club holds 800 spectators. Most of the tables are downstairs, and there is also e cozy balcony.

The music theoretically starts at 10:30 P.M. and the crowds generally have been attentive. Tobacco-loving Spaniards even stopped smoking for Portuguese jazz singer Maria João, who demanded a smoke-free hall last February for her show, but when her tunes failed to hold the crowd, people lit up again. Free admission. One-drink minimum for about \$6. Table reservations, recom-mended, tel: 534-75-57.

Rosa Mora, the cultural editor of the Spanish daily El Pais, says that even with the new musical series, the Cultural Capital programming amounts to only e little bit more than what would be seen in Madrid in a normal year.

Public subsidies have meant some reduced ticket prices, notably at the National Audi-torium. The best seats for the recent Chicago Symphony Orchestra concerts there cost \$32, half of what e private promoter might have charged.
Unlike Seville, which built several impres-

sive new theaters for the Expo, Madrid will have about the same cultural infrastructure as before. Renovations at the Royal Theater opera house will not conclude this year as hoped and the theater remains closed.

There are good expectations for the July 2-9 outdoor theatrical performances, with Baroque period costumes and sets, of Calderón de la Barca's "Auto Sacramental." The work by the 17th-century Spanish playwright mixes spiritual themes and humor and will be presented in the Plaza Mayor. The spacions square was the scene of anodajes during the Inquisition. Ticket prices have not yet been announced.

Madrid was happy to be named Cultural Capital this year, but the city's efforts are playing second fiddle to the Seville Expo and the Barcelona Summer Olympics.

Al Goodman reports from Spain for Nation-

Summer Break

Do remember that Cultural Capital events decline in July and August. Flamenco concerts likely will shift to weekend nights in the Retiro Park.

It's Today, Not Manana Don't think that Spaniards don't know how to keep a schedule. Many shows start on time. Arrive early.

**Ticket Search** Do consider dialing 098 for

programming information (in Spanish only) if the hotel concierge or local press listings lack the answers.

## Rural Paris, With Wine and View

By Patricia Wells International Herald Tribune

ARIS—Over the last few years, few Parisian neighborhoods have undergone such drastic upheaval as La Villette and Belleville, in the 19th and 20th Arrondissements oo the city's eastern edge. Today, modern terraced gardens, parks and a few newly planted vineyards, monotone high-rise apartments, as well as abandoned buildings ripe for squatting, stand where once there were stockyards and passages filled with craftsmen and artisans that made for a lively neighborhood ambience far from the center of the city.

Despite the changes for better or worse, much of that provincial feel can still be found, amid the gardens of the Parc des Buttes-Chaumont, the roving Thursday and Sunday produce market along Rue des Pyrénées, and the miniature residences, too small to qualify as houses but not as homes.

Adding to that provincial mood is the yearold A la Courtille, a sparkling bistro-hrasserie with e terrace and a view that dominates the city. Even the name - which translates as an

Wine bar enthusiasts will recognize the touch of Bernard Pootonnier, who once held court at the popular Left Bank wine bar Le Café de la Nouvelle Mairie. Decent food, great wines, a pleasant ambience, and good value make this a place to remember oext time you want to stretch your legs and expand your vision of Paris.

The hlack and white Willy Ronis photographs of Paris past will tug at your heart-strings, and the 70- and 100-franc menus will alllow you to indulge in the matter at hand: well-selected, handmade wines. Amid a decor that's a mix of 1930 and 1990 — eggshell colored walls and ceiling, old-fashioned hanging lamps, comfortable green-leather banquettes and armchairs, paper table coverings and modern window blinds - diners tuck into classic bistro fare long on sausages, calf's byer, rabbit and lamb. The food isn't great, but it's generous and good enough, with mounds of cucumbers tossed in thick cream, brilliant green and red salads of beets and lamb's lettuce, and a remarkable effilochée de queue de boeuf, strands of long-

enclosure or a country garden — suggests this simmered oxtail set on a bed of gently seasis a place to get away from the rush of the soned greens.

Main courses include thick slices of caif's liver served with a mountain of sauteed onions, a rather undernourished guinea hen accompanied by plenty of shredded cabbage sauteed in butter, and an excellent pistachiostudded Lyonnais sausage, served with a greeo salad and steamed, sliced potatoes.

Most wines are available by the glass, and prices range from 65 to 220 francs a hottle. Some good bets include the sparkling Vouvray Champalou a pleasant aperiul at 12 francs a glass: Corrine Couturier's 1989 wellmuscled Côtes-du-Rhône at 80 francs a bottle, and Sylvaio Bernard's lush 1990 Saint-Joseph at 160 francs.

If you're in a hurry, or on a strict budget. try the "formule rapide." a 70-franc menu that includes poule au pot, chicken and vegetables simmered in broth, along with a choice of either a first course, cheese or dessert.

A la Courtille, 1 Rue des Envierges, 75020 Paris; tel: 46.36.51.59. Open daily. Credit card: Visa. Menus at 70 and 100 francs. A la carte, from 125 to 165 francs a person, not including wine.

## Walking/Boating: What Your Money Buys

Want to take a week off in June? We asked travel agents to recommend walking and boating trips around the world in different price ranges. and here is our (non-exhaustive) list. Travel not

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Corsica: A week's trip walking (four to six hours a day) with a guide in western Corsica to visit mountain villages and scenery, hotel and meals included, 3,000 francs (\$\$35) a person, 25 percent off for children 2 in 12, 15 percent off for children 12 to 16. Contact Patrick Graziani. Corsica Loisirs Aventure, Bastia; tel: 95.32.54.34, fax: 95.31.30.94. Ladakh, India:

Eight-day trip near the Indian Himalayas, full board, including New Delhi to Leh flight, a team of Sherpa guides, all trek equipment and sightseeing fees, about \$950 a person based on double occupancy, 50 percent off for children

under 12 Contact Samantha Autie, ExplorAsio Ltd., London; sel: (71) 630-7102. New Zealand; Week's sour of Golden Bay and Abel Tasman National Park Tour, parties of 00 more than 16 people plus guides, including most meals and accommodations, double occupancy 965 New Zealand dollars (\$525), single 995 dollars, children between 8 and 14, 900 dollars. Contact Abel Tasman National Park Enterprises. Old Cederman House, Main Road, Riwaka Motueka RD 3, Nelson, New Zealand; tel: (64) 52487801, fax: (64) 524-86087. Andalusia: A seven-day walking vacation in Spain, in a party of no more than 12, organized by an English couple, three nights at a campsite with safaristyle tents, others spent at the couple's farm, an old inn and botels, £645 a person. Contact Abercrombie & Kent, London; tel: (71) 730.9600. Kilimanjaro, Kenya: Seven-night, eight-day trip climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. with climb spread over live nights and six days, accommodations in communal buts with twooer hunks, full board, £689 a person. No climbing or mountaineering experience neces-sary but it is recommended that guests be fit. Contact Mean Group Silk Cut Travel: Petersfield, England Reservations; tel: (730) 65211. Bavaria: A walk in southeast Germany, from Starnberg to Füssen (each day's walk is 11 to 15 miles), accommodations in twin-bedded rooms in tourist-class botels, half board, £333 a possis in fourist-class botels, hall todate, 2555 a person, double occupancy. Contact Ramblers Holidays, Hertfordshire, England; tel: (707) 331-133. Madeira: Six-day walk, with vehicle backup, around coastline and up into hill villages, including pensions/botel and breakfast, £290 a person. Contact Exodus, London; tel: (81) 675-5550. Tuscany: Eight-day trip, fiveday walking itinerary, with Renaissance villa as base, full board, \$2,130 a person, double

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sauna, full board, 295 Irish pounds (\$4-5). Contact Kay Flood, Shannonside Activity Centre, County Clare, Ireland; tel: (61) 576-022. fax: (61) 376-765. Mediterranean: Chartered Swan 86 yacht, accommodates six guests and four crew members, \$30,000 a week, including insurance and crew, plus fuel and food jabout 25 percent more), Contact Neil Hornson, Comper & Nicholsons, London; jel: (71) 491-2950. Friesland, the Netherlands: Seven-night holiday in Frisian lake district on barge for four

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FRANCE

Bordeaux-Lac (tel: 56,79.16.30). To April 27: "Les Floraties Interna-tionales de Bordeaux." Flower festival. Set in a park area and nature reserve, the Floral Gardens will be the crowning glory.

Musée du Louvra (tel: 40.20.50.50). To June 22: "Homage to Charles Sterling (1901-91): From the Primitives to Matisse." A tribute to the late art historian whose common-lates accomment the 20 calotinos in taries accompany the 20 paintings in the show.

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designs, this exhibition introduces the full range of this movement. NETHERLANDS

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SPAIN

Barcelona Fundecio Joen Miró (tel: 329,19.08). To June 7: An exhibition of art from Catalan, Spanish and other European collections that show how maternity, purity and marriage have been depicted in art from medi-

eval times to the 20th-century. SWITZERLAND

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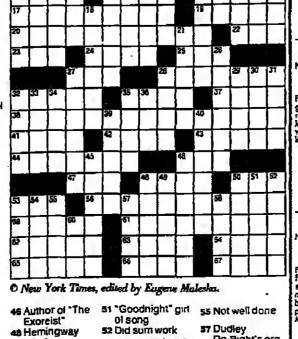
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## Now, 'Hot' New Security Looks Less Than Perky

EW YORK — Percs, a financing technique that helped U.S. corporations raise more than \$6 billion in the past 10 months, have lost their eachet, according to investors and Wall Street analysts. Investment bankers now complain that the securities, preferred equity redemption camulative stock, are a tough sell.

Some big investors suspect the securities are just another Wall Street flash-in-the-pan that left them in the lurch. "I think Percs will be proved a fad," said Dan King, who manages Putnam's 5700 million convertible-bond portfolio.

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Even on Wall Street, there is pessimism about one of last year's homest money makers. "Percs had a meteoric career, but there's not that much of a fu-

mre," said Robert Willens, a Lehman Brothers investment

Just a few months ago, investors were snapping up Percs sold by such big compa-. nies as General Motors Corp., K-Mart Corp., Texas Instruments Inc., RJR Nabisco Holdings

Corp., Tenneco Inc. and Sears, Roebuck & Co. Warren Buffett, the Berkshire Hathaway Inc. chairman known for his valueoriented investment prowess, bought \$300 million of American

Express Co. Percs in August.

Still waiting in the wings, McCaw Cellular Communications and Westinghouse Electric Corp. plan to sell \$830 million of preferred equity redemption cumulative stock. The Percs convert into the issuer's common shares at the end of three years at a rate that declines over the life of the security.

Corporations like Percs because they do not immediately dilute earnings. Investors, meanwhile, initially favored Percs because they were priced with higher fixed dividends than the common variety. They generally have a dividend yield of 7.75 to 8 percent, compared with about 4 percent on many common-stock issues.

NVESTMENT BANKERS love Percs. Morgan Stanley & Co., the creator of Percs, and such firms as Goldman, Sachs & Co., Merrill Lynch & Co. and First Boston Corp. raked in \$172.54 million in fees by underwriting Percs or similar securities.
But now, Percs have lost their luster among investors because their gains have been limited as the stock market raced to new highs this year. The problem is that the companies that sold Percs may force investors to convert these hybrid equities into common at any point. That means that if the market price of the common shares is higher than the Percs' conversion price, investors may receive less than a full share of common for each Perc upon

Meanwhile, if the issuer's common stock plummets, so will the price of the Percs. "You have all the downside risk of the common stock, limited upside, and in return you're getting a higher dividend," said Mr. Willens of Lehman Brothers.

The result is that most Peres are trading at discounts to the underlying common stock, despite the higher dividend yield. Tenneco's Peris are at \$34.125, while its common stock was trading at \$40.50 on Thursday, Texas Instruments' Percs are at \$30.375; and its common was at \$35.25. Olin Corp.'s Percs trade at \$46.125, while its common was at \$52.625. The spread between the price of the Percs and the common stock likely will grow wider as stock prices advance and approach the conversion price

for the Percs. An additional hazard is confusion among investors. Should Pears trade like a convertible security or not? The answer, according to Morgan Stanley bankers and analysts, is "no." Nevertheless, investors said Percs started trading like convert-

the conversion premium. "I viewed this as a flawed instrument from day one," said Mr. King of Putnam. Buying Percs means "you would miss the heart and soul of equity investment, which is unlimited upside."

**CURRENCY RATES** 

ible securities before investors realized their gains were capped by

## IBM and American Plan Aeroflot Deal U.S. Data Show

By Glenn Rifkin New York Times Service NEW YORK — IBM and Amer-

ican Airlines are working on a deal to build a computer-reservations system for Aeroflot in an effort to modernize Russian air travel, long plagued by endless lines, lost reservations and canceled flights.

For the two U.S. companies, the Acroflot contract could eventually translate into more than \$100 million in revenues and a big foothold for American's Sabre system in the highly competitive international computer-reservations business.

Sabre was created by American and International Business Machines Corp. 25 years ago. The advanced computerized system for handling reservations, tracking passengers and issuing tickets and boarding passes changed the face of air travel in the United States and now handles more than 40 per-

cent of computer reservations. When it is installed in many former Soviet republics, Sabre is ex-pected to vastly improve the nightmarish air travel system for about 150 million passengers a year.

"It will bring Aeroflot from the Stone Age to the 20th century,"

said Boris Glasser, a Russian emi-gré and American's director of European business.

"Nothing works," he said. "The computer is always down. I once waited for three days at the airport. Aeroflot is the reason I left the Soviet Union.

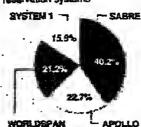
In 1990, Aeroflot reportedly had to turn away 30 percent of its ticketed passengers because there were no seats. The airline had no way to track the seats it sold. Tickets are not sold at the airport, only in downtown Moscow and in other cities.

The ticket, according to George Van Derven, president of transportation automation services, a division of American's information services company, simply allows a traveler to stand in line at the airport, where seats are given first to VIPs and foreigners and then provided first-come, first-served to ev-The concepts of advance reserva-

tions, seat assignments and boarding passes are nonexistent. And conditions since the breakup of the Soviet Union have only worsened, Mr. Van Derven said. "Sometimes there is no fuel, flights are can-

celed," he said. For five months, teams of busi-

Percentage of U.S. travel scenes that use the four airline recervation systems



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ness analysts and engineers from Aeroflot, most of which is based in Russia, have been training at American's Fort Worth headquarters on nsing Sabre. And 18 Russian engineers are at American studying Enghish and software programming.

week. For its part, American has already committed 100 employees to the project

The project, which began 18 months ago when IBM won the contract from Aeroflot, is being hampered by political and economic uncertainty and confusion on exchange rates.

But an IBM spokesman said the company, which had already poured 'significant money" into the project. is committed to making it work and is optimistic that the financing will be made available. The project is being coordinated by IBM's trade development office in Vienna.

While IBM is pressing to solve the financial problems, American, acting as a subcontractor, is proceeding on schedule. If the economic obstacles can be overcome. the project will take up to two years

American-Lithuania Pact American Airlines agreed Thursday to a partnership with Lithuania Airlines, Reuters reported from Vilnius, Lithuania. The two airlines plan to develop an aircraft support program and a reservations and

# **Upturn Is Slow** And Uneven

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune NEW YORK - A long-awaited pickup in the labor market was reported Thursday in weekly U.S. stausues on unemployment claims, but further evidence of erratic industrial

growth, in durable-goods orders, indicated a gradual recovery. The Labor Department said new plications for jobless benefits fell 12,000 in the week ended April to 404,000, which historically is lose to a recovery level. It was the third straight weekly decline and pointed to strength in the key

out early in May. "Labor-market conditions are improving. It has turned around," said enneth Kim, economist at Stone & McCarthy Research Associates.

monthly employment figures due

But the improvement was cen-tered in Illinois and California. confirming economists' views that the recovery would be spotty and some sectors of the country. like the Northeast, would lag behind.

Evideoce of this uneven growth came in the Commerce Departwas to return Dowty to its core ment's report on March orders for durable goods, which rose 1.3 percent, but almost entirely in aircraft orders. They vary from month to month because of the buge size and volatility of such sales.

Excluding the transport sector, the increase in orders was only 0.1 percent, a slight improvement from the 0.4 percent decline in February. Another volatile sector also bolstered the statistic - a 7.8 percent increase in defense orders, which had dropped almost 20 percent dur- 2.17 to 1.

ing the first two months of the year. Another sign of weakness appeared io unfilled orders for durable goods, which dropped by 0.6 percent — the seventh consecutive monthly decline. "A decreasing backlog of orders suggests that manufacturers will be slow to hire new workers," warned Debbie Johnson of C.J. Lawrence & Co.

Financial markets took the oews in some confusion. Wall Street stocks were off, but most attention was focused oo the dollar and an auction of five-year U.S. Treasury notes. (Page 14)

The improving employment data weakened the Treasury bond market, which is always fearful that any recovery, even a sluggish one, will reignite inflation and raise interest rates. The beliwether 30-year Treasury bood vielded 8.09 perceot, up from 8.04 percent Wednesday.

The Treasury had to inch toward the high end of the rates expected by the market in order to sell its securities for the second successive day on Thursday. Lack of buving in the secondary market indicated that it may be reaching its limits in digestiog the huge issues of debt underwriting the U.S. budget defi-cit, plus a large calendar of bonds by corporations trying to refinance their debt at lower interest rates.

Thursday's auction of \$10.26 billion of five-year notes was sold to yield 6.93 percent, lower than March but higher than the February yield of 6.75 percent. Demand was not high: bids ounnumbered notes actually sold by a ratio of

## **TI Group Makes Hostile Bid for Dowty** cial Times-Stock Exchange 100-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - TI Group PLC aunched Thursday a hostile bid for Dowty Group PLC, valuing the struggling aerospace company at £518 million (\$912 million).

Dowty emphatically rejected the hid, saying it severely undervalued the company's potential. Dowty said it was urging its shareholders to take no action and not to sell their shares in the market."

TI said that by acquiring Dowty it aimed to "become a world leader in acrospace engineering." Christopher Lewinton, chairman of the British industrial conglomer-

Solvay is to buy Tenneco's American soda-asia business for \$500 million. Page 15.

ate, said, "We believe that Dowty,

its shareholders, employees and customers would all benefit from the clear strategic focus, increased financial strength and proven management expertise of TI Group." TI said it had the support of

Mannesmann AG of Germany, which holds 7 percent of TL Mr. Lewinton said be find tried to conclude a friendly takeover in 1991 but that the Dowty board had turned it down. He forecast that the acquisition would be "broadly carnings neutral" in 1993, the first full year of ownership if the bid

Analysts and traders said they ad been expecting a bid from either TI or the acrospace company Smiths Industries PLC. They said the TI bid was unlikely to encounter much opposition from Dowty

"It seems like a foregone conclusion," said Chris Stehbings, an analyst at Daiwa Securities. "Any company that's strong enough now to make a big acquisition is proba-bly going to be successful. II may need to make a higher bid, but it

would only be a sweetener." If the bid is successful, he said. TI would probably enter the Finan- or 6 percent, to 672 pence.

share index in the next six months. TI is offering four new TI shares for every 15 Dowty shares, valuing the bid at 191 pence per share. It also is offering a cash alternative of about 175 pence per share.

Dowty shares climbed 33 pence. or 23 percent, to 178 pence in London trading Thursday after news of the bid. TI shares slipped 44 pence,

## ICI and Du Pont to Swap Nylon and Acrylics Units

LONDON - Imperial Chemical Industries PLC will swap its European-based nylon business for Du Pont Co.'s acrylics business

in the United States, the companies said Thursday.

ICI will get £250 million (\$440 million) in cash from Dn Pont to compensate the British industrial manufacturer for the smaller size of the U.S. businesses it will get in the deal. The accord says ICI will acquire Du Pont's methyl methacrylate

manufacturing plants in Texas and Tennessee, as well as its acrylic cast-sheet facilities in Texassee and specialist-products business in West Virginia and Delaware.

These businesses had sales of £160 million in 1991, ICI said. Du Pont is to get ICI's nylon intermediates, fibers and engineer

ing-plastics businesses, which are located mainly in northern England, Germany and the Netherlands. Their combined sales were £600 million last year. This major reshaping further reinforces ICI acrylies' interrated

global position and gives ICI a stronger presence in the North American market," said the ICI chairman, Sir Denys Henderson. Du Pont's deputy chairman, John Krol, said that the acquisition would begin boosting its earnings and cash flow in the first year after the deal was completed later this year. Du Pont invented nylon in the late 1930s and is the world's largest nylon producer. (AP, Reuters) business of aerospace specialized engineering and to accelerate the growth of polymer eogineering.
It said it would dispose of Dow-

ty's informatioo-technology divisioo and those parts of the electronic-systems division that were not required to support the serospace division.

By combining its aerospace divi-sion with Dowty, TI said it would create a substantial operation in the aerospace specialized engineering market with annual sales of about £400 million, It said the Dowty came would be maintained. The company said it would also combice Dowty's polymer-engineering division with its John

Crane global marketing and engineering oetwork.

Dowty's activities range from manufacturing parts for Airbus and Boeing aircraft to supplying infor-

mation technology to the military.
"Downy's cash finances have been strained lately, and this has undermined the strength of the company," said Jeremy Evans, an analyst at County Natwest Securities.

At TI, pretax profit dropped 22 percent in 1991, to £105.2 million. The bid is in line with TI's strategy of acquiring established businesses rather than setting up manufacturing facilities. The Birmingham-based company made tions between 1987 and 1990, and its spending on acquisitions and reorganization totaled £126.4 million last year.

(Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

## **Japan Cuts EC Car Sales**

BRUSSELS — Japan has agreed to cut its 1992 car exports to the European Community, an EC Commission spokesman said Thursday. The spokesman said Japan's Ministry of International Trade and industry agreed to cut sales by somewhat more than the 5 percent

drop in demand forecast for the EC car market this year. He refused to specify the exact size of the cut, but he said that 1.25 million Japanese cars were shipped to the Community last year. That would suggest a cut of at least 62,500 cars this year. The announcement was made after two days of talks in Tokyo

following the EC Commission's request that Japan reduce its EC car exports. There was no immediate confirmation from Japan. The EC Commission asked for the cuts because of poor operating

results by some EC carmakers, falling domestic demand and difficulties the EC industry faces as it undertakes expensive restructuring to increase its competitiveness against its Japanese rivals.

Separately, Toyota Motor Corp. said Thursday that it planned to cut production at ooc of its 12 plants in Japan because of declining sales. Toyota said it would reduce one assembly line at the Tahara plant in central Japan from two shifts to one shift. (Reuters, AP)

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## **Bad Loans** Hit Japan's Top Banks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - The Finance Ministry announced Thursday that nonperforming loans at Japan's top 21 banks had doubled in a year, reaching 7 trillion year to 8 trillion year (\$52 billion to \$59 billion), but sought to play down fears for the sector as a whole.

The ministry said that the 21 banks would have to write off from 2 trillion to 3 trillion yen of their nonperforming loans as losses.

But it added that Japanese banks were having a strong year despite the growth in comperforming loans. It pointed to operating profit for Japanese banks, which it said was up an average 26.8 percent in the year that ended March 31.

"If you look at these figures, you can see that Japanese banks have had a pretty good year," a ministry official said.

Analysts said the Finance Ministry's purpose in releasing the bank-ing figures now, weeks before they were due out, was to support the collapsing Tokyo stock market.

But a bank analyst at James Capel Pacific, Brian Waterhouse, said the ministry was trying to paint a bright picture of a troubled sector through selective use of figures. Although the ministry chose to

focus its report on operating profit, analysis said that current profit, which includes the effect of nonperforming loans and stock and bond losses, was more telling. Current profit for all Japanese

banks dropped 17 percent in the year that ended March 31. The ministry said operating profit at Japan's 11 commercial banks was up 28.9 percent. At the three long-term credit banks, operating profit

was up 73.7 percent, while operating profit at the seven major trust banks was down 14.3 percent. But current profit at the 11 commercial banks was down 16.9 percent, the ministry said. At the three long-term credit banks, current profit was up 6.7 percent, while current profit at the seven major

trust banks was down 34.8 percent.

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I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has brought an action in the above-listed matter by filling a Summons and a Complaint against the Defendant to collect a civil money penalty debt pursuant to 18 U.S.C. \$ 1818 (1) (2) (1) (i). The Board of Governors entered a final order of this civil penalty for \$20 million against the Defendant on March 3, 1992. Defendant shall have twenty (20) days, or such other time the Court may allow, after the date of the less rublication of this profice to file an accuse to the date of the last publication of this notice to file an answer to the Complaint with the Clerk of the United States District Court at Los

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## MARKET DIARY

## **Dow Ends Higher** After Late Rebound

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches NEW YORK — U.S. stocks wiped out sharp losses to close higher Thursday as investors rusbed in to buy cyclical stocks in the last bour of trading.

We saw some extremely intense rotational behavior here in the

#### N.Y. Stocks

market," said Eugene Peroni, chief technical analyst at Janney Montgomery Scott. "As a group runs out of favor, it quickly becomes oversold and causes some bargainhunting. Today we saw that in the pharmaceuticals.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 4.48 points on Wednesday, rose 9.84 points, to 3,348.61. The average had been down nearly 30 points.

Decliners outpaced advancers by about an 8-10-6 margin. Volume totaled 235 million shares, up from 219 million on Wednesday. For much of the day, heavy

losses in drug stocks weighed on other shares. In the transportation group, however, airlines and other issues rebounded after several days

Traders blamed the slide in drug stocks on concerns ranging from disappointing earnings at Johnson

NEW YORK - The dollar fin-

ished lower Thursday against the

Deutsche mark and most of the

other major currencies after a

strong surge in the German money

supply extinguished hopes of early

rate cuts in Europe.

The U.S. unit had found support early in the day after favorable U.S.

Foreign Exchange

data on weekly jobless claims and despite volatile figures on durable-

The dollar fell to 1.6585 DM.

The jump in March to a 9.75

percent annual growth rate for Germany's M-3 measure of money supply dwarfed forecasts of a 8.0

percent increase and bad traders

wondering if the next move in rates

there might actually be upward. The dollar rose to 134.620 yea,

after 134.235, despite some pres-

sure on the Japanese unit following comments by U.S. Treasury Un-dersecretary David C. Mulford that

Tokyo probably had room to further ease its monetary policy.

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90%, after reporting earnings of \$1.39 a share, up from \$1.25 a year earlier but below expectations.

Stocks were also buffeted by a resurgence of inflation concerns, traders said. Treasury yields rose on two economic reports that sug-

than had been thought. The Labor Department said new claims for state unemployment-in-surance benefits fell 12,000 in the week ended April 11. Economists had expected a rise of 16,000.

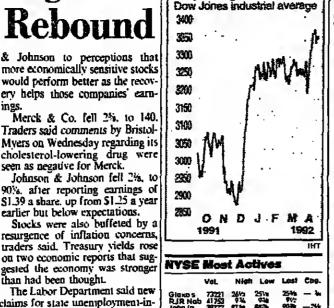
The Commerce Department said orders for durable goods rose 1.6 percent in March, above analysts' expectations of a 1.0 percent gain. Among active issues. Glaxo fell 4, 10 25%, Sun Microsystems rose 15, to 275, on better-than-expect-

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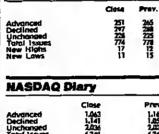
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Similarly, any faint bopes in the market that the G-7 would pressure Germany into cutting interest rates evaporated after the money data vere released. The U.S. currency finished at

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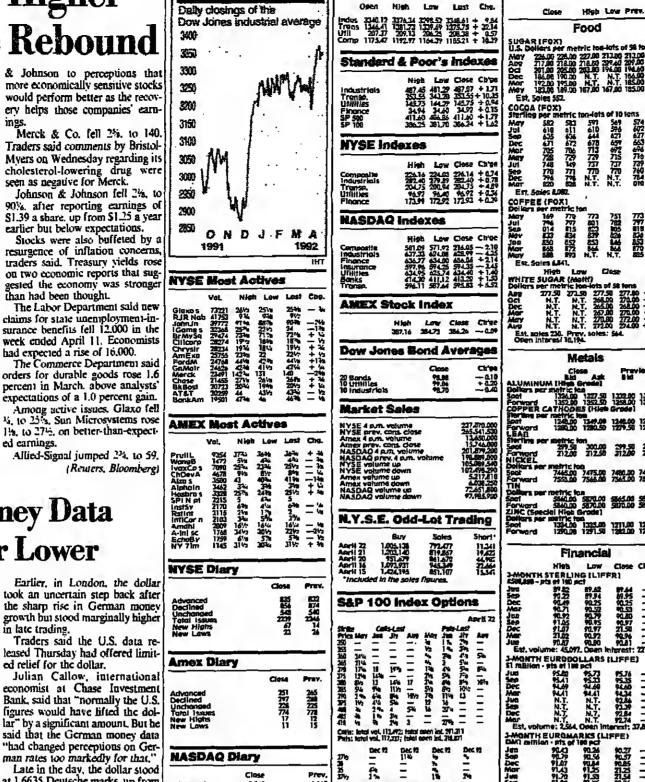
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## La Cinq's Successor: Arte

PARIS — A new Franco-German cultural television station called Arte will take the place of the defunct French channel La Cinq, which went off the air earlier this month, the government said on Thursday. Jean-Noël Jeanneney, France's secretary of state for communication, told parliament that Arte, previously planned as a cable channel, would take over La Cinq's transmission frequency from 7.00 P.M. every day by September. France's broadcasting authority, CSA, will have to decide what to do with the frequency during the rest of the day, he added.

Arte is a 50-50 venture between France's La Sept and Arte Deutsch-



## Microsoft, DEC to Unveil Accords

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nounce that it plans to create versions of its most popular applications programs to run on the Alpha chip at some unspecified time. The two companies will also cooperate on Microsoft's electronic mail standard, making it compatible with Digital's network computer system.

## Oil Companies' Earnings Weaken

NEW YORK (AP) — Four big U.S. oil companies reported sharply weaker earnings Thursday for the latest quarter, blaming the weakness of falling prices and declining demand because of the U.S. recession.

Exxon Corp. said results for the first three months of the year fell 40 percent, to \$1.35 billion, from a year-earlier record of \$2.24 billion. Texaco lnc. said first-quarter earnings fell \$2 percent, to \$200 million, from \$415 million; Occidental Petroleum Corp. said profit dropped 28 percent, in \$98 million, from \$136 million, and Ashland Oil Inc. reported a \$9 million loss commared with a year-earlier profit of \$27 million.

#### Fruit of the Loom to Hire 3,000

CHICAGO (UPI) - Fruit of the Loom Inc. said Thursday it would hire 3,000 workers this year and spend \$125 million to expand production

facilities to meet increased demand for its products.

The expansion comes as other U.S. manufacturers are cutting back of holding off on new hiring while waiting to see what course the shaped

Fruit of the Loom posted record earnings of \$36.1 million for the first uarter, up from \$15.9 million a year ago. Revenue rose 21 percent, to

#### Fed Tightens Insider Loan Limits

NEW YORK (NYT) - The Federal Reserve Board has adopted ighter limits on the amount a bank is allowed to lend to its directors.

For banks above \$100 million in size, total loans to insiders may not exceed the bank's capital, the Fed ruled. For banks smaller than \$100 million, which said the rule could hart them because their directors were often local business leaders and major customers, loans to insiders must be limited to no more than twice the bank's capital. The higher limit at small banks must be approved by the board.

#### Delta Air's Loss Nearly Doubles

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Air Lines reported Thursday a \$151.6 million loss for the first three months of the year, blaming a west economy and discount fares it offered to compete with other carriers.

The loss for the period that is Delta's third financial quarter compared with a year-earlier loss of \$84 million. Delta's revenue was \$2.81 billion for the 1992 quarter and \$2.30 billion for the 1991 quarter.

#### For the Record

European Travel & Life magazine has ceased publication, a victim of declining tourism and advertising.

MCI Communications Corp. said its first-quarter profit rose about 9 percent, to \$134 million, from \$123 million a year earlier, while revenue. gained 10 percent, to \$2.22 billion. McDonald's Corp. said it earned \$187.4 million in the first quarter, 11

percent more than the year-earlier \$168.5 million, while revenue rose 3.8 percent to \$1.62 billion, Times Mirror Co. said first-quarter earnings rose 56 percent, to \$36.6 million, from \$23.3 million a year earlier, sparked largely by cost-cutting

and a strong performance by its broadcast television unit. (Bloomberg)

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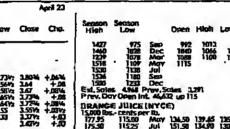
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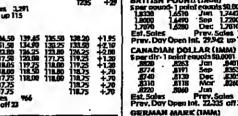
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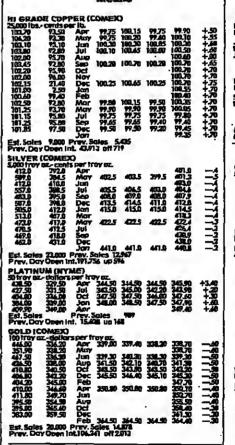




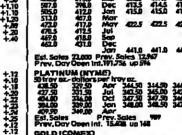




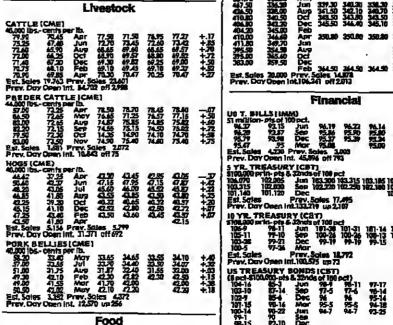
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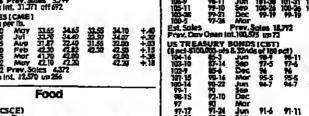






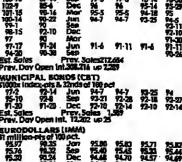
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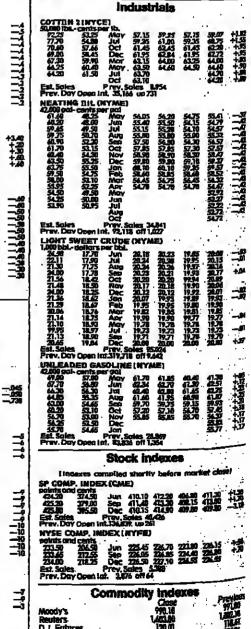






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Demnark's policy shift foreshadows the challenges facing Europe as it moves to closer economic integration and a single currency. In 1982, with the fall from power of the long-domnant Social Democrats, the new government restored consumer confidence by promisent restored consumer confidence by promisent restored consumer confidence by promisent restored consumer confidence. ing to curb public spending and end the practice of frequent currency devaluations. lang 1g

But the subsequent revival of consumer-led growth, while helping to eliminate the budget deficit, opened up a gaping Danish trade deficit. Rather than resort to another big devaluation, in 1986 the government clamped down sharply on domestic spending, forcing its insular companies to look outside Denmark for new markets.

Painfully, the cure began to produce results. inflation has plunged from double-digit lev-els in the early 1980s to just over 2 percent today. Prodoctivity in manufacturing bas steadily improved, to a 4 percent annual rate

The downside of Denmark's transformation is high unemployment and stagnant consumer spending.

last year after hitting bottom in 1986, when it fell by almost 2 percent.

The Danish currency, once among the weakest in Europe, is now rock-solid. And after 27 years of uninterrupted current-account deficits and steadily rising foreign indebtedness, Denmark is paying off its debt at a rapid clip as the nation chalks up its third year in a row of healthy surpluses.

Exports have powered Denmark's economic revival. Danish shiphoilders are among the world's most competitive, trailing only the South Koreans and Japanese in total orders.

Danfoss, based in the village of Nordborg, dominates the world market for temperature controllers. A Danish pharmaceutical company, Novo Nordisk, controls 60 percent of the panese market for insulin. And Lego, which makes the famous plastic building bricks for children, more than holds its own in an industry -toys -- dominated by low-wage Asian manu-

There has been a serious downside, however, the Danish economic turnaround. Joblessoess has soared to almost 11 percent and shows no signs of abating. At the same time, consumer spending, after a boom from 1983 to 1986, has been held firmly in check for five years by strict fiscal and monetary controls.

"Our exporters are doing fine," said Niels Helveg Petersen, a leader of the centrist Radical Liberal Party and a former Danish economics minister. "But the price has been a very depressed domestic market. As a oation, we're doing well economically, but people don't feel the benefits."

Danish economic leaders acknowledge that the oation's economic success story can be a hard sell at times.

"I never promised a paradise," said Erik Hoffmeyer, long-serving chairman of the Danish central bank. "But compared to the realistic alternative scenarios, Denmark has made a remarkable turnaround in its economy. Of course, we had some good lock, too."

Like France, which was forced to put itself through an economic wringer in the early 1980s after trying in vain to spend its way out of recession on its own, Danes have accepted a loss of control over their economic destiny in order to achieve long-term stability.

By anchoring its currency to the Deutsche mark, Denmark committed itself to eschew devaluation as an short-term tome for a loss of competitiveness. By relying largely on exports for growth, it has also placed its future in the hands of a wider European prosperity.

"However independent Denmark might like to be, a country like ours cannot operate in a vacuum," said Mr. Hoffmeyer. "We have lost some freedom of manenver, but what we have now is a credible economic policy."

As the only Scandinavian country in the European Community, Denmark was once considered the weak sister of the region, unable to stand on its own. But now the other Nordie nations, finding it impossible to sustain the overly generous "cradle-to-grave" Swedish model of a welfare state, are liming up at Brussels' door with their own applications to join

## Solvay Moves Into U.S. Via Soda-Ash Purchase

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BRUSSELS - Solvay & Co., the big Belgian chemical concern, is planning to break into the North American sodium market with the purchase of Tenneco Ioc.'s sodaash business for \$500 million.

Solvay, which is already the world's biggest producer of soda ash, a key component in glass-making said Thursday that it had agreed in principle to purchase Tenneco Minerals Co., which holds 80 percent of a soda-ash production joint

venture with Asahi Glass Co. Solvay said the purchase, to be completed in June, would be paid for out of reserves and a long-term loan of \$300 million.

Analysts said Solvay was paying what looked like a steep price for a low-cost competitor. But the purchase was a strategic imperative, allowing Solvay to buy one of its main rivals and a position in a growing North American market, which accounts for a quarter of the

world's soda-ash consumption. They've overpaid, but it's a sound strategic move," said Tony Cox, chemicals analyst at Kleinwort Benson Securities Ltd. in London.

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"What is essential is to strengthen the stance of adjustment," Mr. Camdessus said, "and not dilute

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Solvay is paying 3.6 times the company's expected sales of \$140 million to 1992, about three times the level at which commoditychemical assets are usually valued.

Solvay said the Green River, Wyoming, plant was the most modern and lowest-cost unit in the United States.

Solvay, which has a 65 percent share of the European synthetic soda-ash market, said it had suffered from inroads by U.S. imports of natural soda ash and was facing "the first whiff of a price war," said Mr. Cox.

Synthetic soda ash sells for as much as \$180 per metric too, while natural soda ash sells for about \$80 per metric ton. The price difference is caused by the high energy costs and the intensive capital investment associated with making the synthetic product, analysts said.

lo addition, synthetic soda ash manufacture results in calcium chloride as a by-product, "which poses loog-term environmental problems," said Albert Richards. analyst at Credit Suisse First Bos-

dar, the deputy prime minister and architect of Russia's economic re-

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from the United States, Japan,

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and Italy, is meeting in conjunction

with the regular spring conclave of the IMF and World Bank oext

The G-7 finance ministers and

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(AFP. Bloomberg, Reuters)

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francs a year earlier; sales were 5 percent lower, at 35 billion francs. Daimler-Benz AG's Deutsche Aerospace unit is working out details of a takeover of Fokker NV and will make a final decision in the oext three months, a source at Daimler-Benz said; Fokker declined to comment. · Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, a unit of Rhône-Poulenc SA, said net profit in

the first quarter rose to 83.7 million francs, from 53.7 million francs. · British Aerospace PLC appointed John Cahill, 62, to be chairman starting May 1; he will succeed Sir Graham Day.

 The EC Commission will investigate complaints that imports of cement from Turkey, Romania and Tunksia were being dumped on the Spanish market; it also said it would review a planned joint venture involving France Telecom, Dentsche Bundespost Telekom and Digital Equipment (Holdings) BV, a unit of Digital Equipment Corp.

• Glaverbel SA, Belgium's leading glass maker and a unit Asahi Glass Co. of Japan, said 1991 profit plunged to 710 million francs (\$20.6 millioo), from 2.3 billioo francs the year before.

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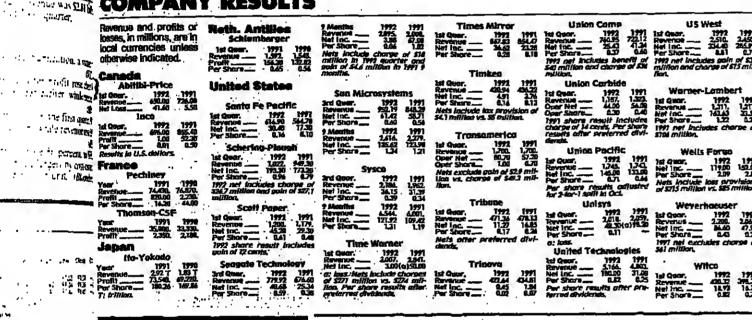
## Pechiney Revamps as Net Falls 63%

PARIS — Pechiney SA, the French state-owned packaging and metals group, reported a dramatic drop in 1991 earnings Thursday and announced a reshuffling of assets that should shield its drinks-can subsidiary from wild swings in aluminum prices.

The transfer of assets within the company could clear the way for a further easing of the state's grip on this profitable unit, Pechiney International

Pechiney said oet attributable profit sank 63 percent, to 820 million francs (\$146 million), from 2.23 billion francs in 1990. It was Pechiney's worst performance since 1987 and forced the group to cut its dividend to 13 francs from 15.

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## Australian Firms Aim for Asia Sales

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune SYDNEY - Australian companies, squeezed by recession and an increasingly competitive domestic market, are pushing to expand sales in Asia, looking beyond their traditional markets in Europe and

In 1991, Australian exports to the Association of South East Asian Nations were worth 6.5 billion Australian dollars (\$4.97 billion) surpassing exports to either the European Community or the United States for the first time. The result made ASEAN Australia's secondlargest export market, behind Janan.

Analysts say the change is a milestone in the reorientation of the Australian economy away from traditional trade ties with Europe and North America and toward fast-growing Asian countries.

Japan. South Korea. Taiwan,

Hong Kong and the ASEAN countries now account for 55 percent of Australia's exports, up from 42 percent five years ago.

Trade officials say the composi-

tion of Australian exports, particularly to Southeast Asia, is also changing, with manufactured goods and services growing faster than traditional commodities, such as agricultural produce and minerals.

The ASEAN members are Indonesia. Malaysia, the Philippines. Singapore, Thailand and Brunei. The tilt toward Asia is being encouraged by the ruling Labor government in Australia. On a fourday visit to Indonesia that is to end on Friday, Paul Keating, who took

over from Bob Hawke as Austra-

lian prime minister in December, is

telling Indonesian leaders that eco-

nomic integration into Asia is the

cornerstone of his foreign policy.

He is seeking support for a pro-posal that heads of government of countries in Asia and the Pacific meet regularly to promote regional cooperation.

Mr. Keating, a former treasurer of Australia and architect of deregulation policies since 1983 that have helped make the economy more competitive, is convinced that Australia must plug into Asia for economic recovery.

The survival of the Labor government is also at stake. The Australian economy contracted by 1.9 percent last year. Analysts said a slow pickup would not make a significant dent in the unemployment rate of 10 percent before a general election, which must be called by May 1993.

Stuart Simson, publisher of Business Review Weekly magazine, said that promoting ties with Asia as part of a push to cut remaining constitutional links with Britain and make Australia a republic is clearly a political move by Mr. Keating to lift his own profile.

But Mr. Simson added. "The prime minister's crusade is also relping Australians focus more sharply on the Asian imperative." Business executives say that fi-

nancial deregulation, phased reduction of tariffs and cost-cutting to cushion the impact of recession have made Australian manufacturing and service industries more competitive.

The Australian economy is the third-largest in the region, trailing Japan and China. With a population of only 17 million, bowever, Australia has small sales potential, compared with that of Asia, where mar-

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Asia, there may be no export mar-

kets left in other parts of the world for us to fall back on," he added.

One potential sign of weakness, said Terrey Arcus, director of Port

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Mr. Ferris, however, warned Aus-

tastes are creating opportunities for Australian companies

For example, Kinhill Ltd., one of the largest engineering, projectmanagement and planning-services companies in Australia, recorded 25 percent of its sales of 119 million dollars for the year ended in June 1991 in Asia, compared with 10 percent four years ago.

Kinhill projects include engineering and construction management for a coal mine development in Indonesia, project management for the new headquarters of the Asian Development Bank in the Philippines and pollution control services for four steel plants in India.

Executives said they expected the company would find half of its work overseas, mainly in Asia, in

based in Sydney, is that Australian investment in Asia amounts to little more than \$8 billion, only a frac-

## **Sanctions Are Shelved** In a Break for Hyundai

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SEOUL — President Roh Tae Woo's government backed off Thursday from its campaign against the Hyundai Group, shelving expected sanctions against a group

The head of South Korea's Office of Bank Supervision, Hwang Chang Ki, said the office was indefinitely postponing plans to sanc-tion Hyundai Electronics Co., one of the 43 units of the country's second-largest conglomerate, be-cause Hyundai Electronics was a

"high-tech exporter."
The office bad threatened to cut off credit to Hyundai Electronics after ruling that it had channeled borrowed funds to the political
party faunched by the Hyundai
Group founder, Chung Ju Yung,
Theoffice, which revised upward Party, said the ax would still fall if the electronic company's primary lending bank could prove wrongdoing. However, analysts said chances were slim that Korea Exchange Bank, the primary lender, would manage to uncover proof of cash diversion.

Mr. Chung, a vocal critic of Mr. Roh, angered established politicians by forming his party, which embarrassed the government in last

month's general election.

The banking office said it had revised the sum allegedly functed to Mr. Chung's party to 13.3 billion won (\$17 million), from an original 4.8 billion won.

The Hyundai Electronics case is only one of several disputes to surface since last November, when punitive penalties were imposed on Mr. Chung, his family and 10 the sum it alleges was diverted to Mr. Chung's Unification National Hyundai units for alleged tax eva-(Reuters, AFP)

## Hotel Slowdown Crimps Wharf's Net

HONG KONG — Wharf (Holdings) Ltd. posted Thursday a nearly flat net profit for the last nine months of 1991, but analysts expect better

growth in the next two years as the hotel industry recovers.

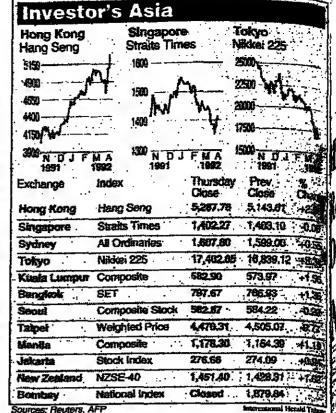
The company, a flagship of the corporate empire controlled by the family of the late Sir Yue-kong Pao, announced a net profit of 1.21 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$156.3 million) for the period, compared with 1.44

billion dollars for the 12 months ended March 31, 1991. The results, which follow a change in Wharf's financial year, reflected an annualized increase of about 12 percent.

#### China Seeks to Loft Intelsat Satellites

BEIJING — A Chinese delegation is holding talks with Intelsat in the hopes of reaching an accord to launch satellites for the international satellite communications group, a Chinese company said Thursday.

A spokesman for China Great Wall Industrial Corp., which handles the marketing of Beijing's satellite launch program abroad, said a delegation was now in Washington to discuss launching Intelsat's 7A satellite.



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 The Hang Seng Index jumped 98.75 points to a record close of 5,287.78 as foreign institutions continued their buying of Hong Kong blue ching

 Hitachi Ltd. and Texas Instruments Inc. agreed to produce and sel compatible chips to speed up data access; Hitachi will make the chips in Takasaki, Japan, while TI will manufacture them in Freising, Germany. • The Asian Development Bank approved a 950.90 million peso (\$37 million) loan over 35 years to the Philippines to help victims of the

Seven-Eleven Japan, the convenience-store operator belonging to the lto-Yokado group, had a 16 percent rise in current profit, to 77.7 billion yen (\$579 million), for the financial year ended Feb. 29.

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ARSEILLE - If mariners are a tough breed, so are their ports of call. Just look at the massive port complex of Marseille-Pos. mee's largest. In the past year, traffic at the Massale has been buffeted by factors as diverse as labor strife, the worldwide economic downturn, the Gulf War, a rate war, the openof Eastern Europe and the continuing

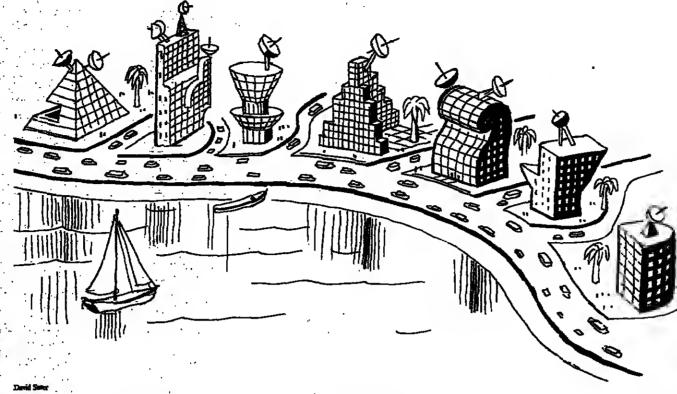
But despite the stormy seas, officials at the Marselle port authority display abundant op-timism about the future of their facility, which tinism about the funite or than reason, which investing heavily in the entire region. While investing heavily in the entire region. While investing nearity in infrastructure improvements, they are pushing find for government actions that could significantly improve Marseille's competitive and logatical position among Europe's major ports, particularly in the Mediterranean region where a competes directly with Barcelona and Gence.

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can one day reach that goal. "We're holding to this strategy," said Jean Schutz, president of the port authority. "We've got the nautical infrastructure, the equipment and the hinterland transport — road, rail and river — to put us in a leading position in Southern Europe."

N.IMPORTANT element in this strategy has been the development of an industrial base around the overall economic growth for the region. Over the past 20 years, industry, mostly petrochemi-cals, steel and oil refining, has invested around \$30 billion in the Fos-Lavera-Berre industrial zone, and more than \$12 billion in further investments are under consideration, officials

In 1991, the post handled 90.8 million tons of cargo, down I percent from 1990 and far Continued on page 18



## Grenoble Collects a Basket of Eggheads

By Michael Balter

RENOBLE - When the Grenoble-based European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (ESRF) opens for business in early 1994, this massive, doughnut-shaped institute will house the most intense source of X-rays in the world. Although the ESRF may hold little interest for the armies of skiers that pass through Grenoble each year on their way to France's Alpine slopes, a battalion of European scientists is already preparing to descend upon the \$500 million facility. Its X-ray beams will allow physicists, biologists, and materials scientists to probe previously inscrutable details of animate and manimate matter.

To local observers, the decision to locate the PSRF in Grenoble made perfect sense, Especially since the Winter Olympics were held here in 1968 the city, as well as the department of Isère, of which it is the capital, has become an increasingly power-ful magnet, attracting high-tech industries as well as basic research institutions. More than 30,000 new firms have been implanted in the last decade, with a particularly strong representation in elec-tronics and computer technology. A major factor

fueling this growth has been the international repu-

tation of Grenoble's scientific infrastructure. "Outside of the Paris area, this city is the number one regional site in France for physics, mathematics, and computer science," says Alain Némoz, president of Grenoble's Joseph Fourier University. "There are s lot of research institutions here, both national and European.

The city has a long history of close links between basic research and industry.

This gives us a greater ultimate potential in these fields than most areas of the country, perhaps even than Paris itself."

Grenoble has a long history of close links between basic research and industry, something rarer in cities such as Paris and Lyon, where a centuries-old university tradition has led to greater isolation between ivory-tower academics and entrepreneurs. The somewhat different situation in Grenoble can be dated at least to 1869, when French engineer Aristide

Berges harnessed the runoff of Alpine snows to produce the first hydroelectric power. This local and plentiful source of electricity fueled the development of industry in the area, as well as collaborations between engineers and scientists to improve the capacity and efficiency of generators and other equipment. Soon the manufacture of gloves, long a local craft, was mechanized, followed by the construction of cement plants, paper mills, and metallurgical and electrochemical industries.

EVERTHELESS, when the consortium of European nations funding the ESRF first began to consider sites for the facility in the early 1980s, Grenoble was not even on the list. The French had initially nominated Strasbourg as their candidate. Yet a variety of scientific and olitical considerations, including the lobbying of Louis Mermaz, the current agriculture minister, who was at the time president of the Isère regional council, convinced the government to propose the more southerly location, to the outrage of Strasbourg.

This was not the first time that Strasbourg's Continued on page 19

## Sunbelt Technopoles Gaze Across Borders

## Linking Up Catalonia and Lombardy

By Jacques Neher

ARSEILLE - Long left by Paris to bask in its own sunshine while northern France plowed and industrialized, southern France over the past decade has played a fast game of catch-up by focusing on economic development in the high technology sectors. The region is dotted with no less than 13 "technopoles," special research or industrial zones focused on advanced technologies, and

four more are under development. Employing a three-way cross-fertilization process that includes universities, research institutes and business, these technopoles have attracted industrial and R&D facilioes from scores of major French and multinational companies, while providing fertile soil for thousands of local start-ups.

Now, economic development experts and political leaders of the region want to consolidate and extend their success by joining forces with their counterparts in oorthern Italy and northern Spain. They have formed a European cooperative venture, which they have dubbed the "High Technology Highway of Southern Europe," or RHT Eurosud.

In this conceptual "highway," three politically defined regions of southern France -Provence-Alpes Maritimes-Côte d'Azur, Languedoc-Roussillon and Midi-Pyrénnées -form the central link. To the east are the Piedmont, Lombardy and Liguria regions of Italy, and to the southwest are the Catalonia and Valencia regions of Spain.

Alberto Pittaluga, managing director of RHT Eurosud, said the regions have concluded that they often have more in common with each other than with their national governments, and that they can move faster toward their goals without the support of their central governments. "The French regions are ready to overcome the problems of joining with other European regions, even if it means jumping over old borders," he said.

Of the three, southern France is the most advanced in its development of a high-tech economic base, he said.

"Southern France has made an important choice in focusing on high technology and research activities," Mr. Pittaluga said. "These industries have replaced the economic fabric of the region.

Mr. Pittaluga, an Italian, said the high-tech strategies of the French regions should serve them well in the coming years as the Europea Community integrates into a single market and

Eastern Europe opens up. "Southern France will have very interesting prospects because it is a link between Spain which is entering Europe, and northern Italy which is a great axis of European industrial

and technological development," he said. The association has already drawn up a list of 19 projects in which some or all of the member regions can cooperate. The furthest along is a program to monitor and control pollution on bordering parts of the Mediterranean Sea

Another is a program, based in Sophia Antipolis, the big science park near Nice, to facilitate technology transfer in biotechnologies among companies and research centers of the European simbelt.

ONTRARY to the image conjured up by a "technology highway," France's high-tech sunbelt is far from homogenous; it is more like a disjointed string of islands or oases — Toulouse, Montpellier, Sophia Antipolis, Grenoble - each separated by hundreds of miles of oontech. One may come upon thousands of acres of vineyards and agricultural land, coastal tourist magnets like Cannes, Nice and St. Tropez, the perfume capital of Grasse, the old port city of Marseille, even the giant petrochemical and refining complex of Fos.

Likewise, each urban concentration of techoology over the past decade can be traced to

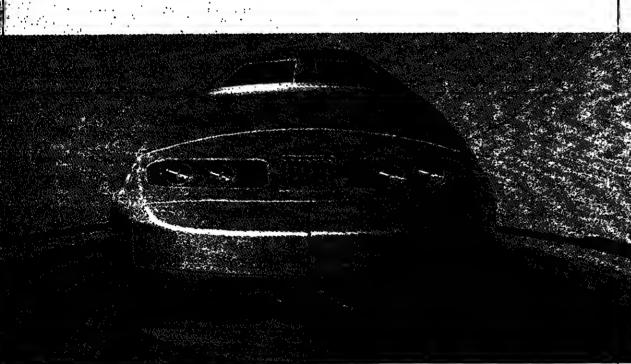
widely varying factors.

For example, Toulouse, perhaps the most industrialized of the technopoles, got its start in high-tech in the late 1960s, when the government established the French Space Agency in the area. This facility served as a magnet for aerospace companies such as Aérospatiale of France and Airbus, the four-nation aircraft consortium. The electronics and computer industries soon followed. Toulouse today boasts some 2,300 high-tech companies.

Sophia Antipolis, on the other hand, owes its growth to a government policy, launched in the early 1980s, to decentralize decision-making on regional economic matters away from Paris.

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## On Riviera, Cultural Life Goes Beyond the Bikini

By Conrad de Aenlie

ICE — Tourism on the Riviera is moving indoors, into museums and conference halls and away from the beaches that made it famous. Faced with a trend among resort visitors to travel to less familiar destinations, and the seasonal holiday cycles that can fill oceanfront hotels in summer and leave them close to empty the rest of the year, the industry set about

changing the way people think of the Riviera.

"We're trying to enlarge the meaning of the Cote
d'Azur," explained Veromque Seban, marketing director of the Comité Régional du Tourisme Riviera Côte d'Azur, known as ČRT. Culture figures prominently in that expanded definition.

We have one of the higgest concentrations of museums in France," she noted, about 70. There is also the annual Cannes film festival, a philharmonic orchestra and archaeological sites, such as the Vallèe des Merveilles, in the hills north of Menton, a Bronze Age site with 100,000 engravings.

"We have great writers, artists and painters who lived here." said Gaston Franco, manager of the Nice Tourism Office. "The public is very interested in culture and wants something other than women. beaches and sun... There is another image for the Côte d'Azur that we want to present.'

Officials are counting on the Riviera's connection with its illustrious former residents to drum up business. The City of Nice is promoting "The Year of Matisse" to coincide with the opening at the end of 1992 of a Matisse museum that the city is building in the Cimiez district, which also contains an archaeological site with Roman baths. A contemporary art nuseum opened in Nice in 1990.

The launching of the Matisse museum "will be the main event for us this year and next." Mr. Franco said. The promotion of the Riviera as a cultural destination began in earnest in 1988. The CRT invited journalists on

junkets to mark the 100th anniversary of the coining of the term "Côte d'Azur," Ms. Seban said. When they went back home to write about it, 35 percent of the articles focused on culture, more than on any other topic, so the

The program seems to be working. Ingrid Puhlmann-Chiche, the Nice Tourism Office's representative for the United States and Britain, noted that 60 percent of visitors to the city's museums are foreigners: 29 percent of those are from the United States.

The main appeal for the region of having highbrow visitors is that they do not flock in only during the summer or during Carnival in late winter, the traditional peak periods. Spreading the tourist season out through the whole year keeps business running smoothly for hotels and restaurants

That was also one of the motivations behind the drive to secure more husiness and convention visi-

"Twenty-five years ago we had 10,000 hotel rooms and no one in them. We had to fill the gap," said Jacqueline Pietri, managing director of Acropolis, the city-owned convention center in Nice. Along with centers in Cannes and Monaco, the region draws the higgest convention business in France, except for

Twenty percent of the 8 million or so visitors who came to the Riviera last year were there for conventions. Mr. Franco said. That compares with 7 percent

Since its opening in 1985, Ms. Pietri said, Acropolis has drawn 450,000 visitors, who have poured 1.5 hillion frames, or \$274 million, into the city's economy, although Acropolis itself is not a money maker and must get by on a city subsidy. Last year was a tougher one than others.

"In 1991, due to the Gulf War, we suffered a great loss," she said. "We had a few cancellations, and we had decreased attendance at the ones we still held." The Riviera tourism picture was hleak across the board in 1991.

"Last year was not a good year." Mr. Franco said. The number of visitors who stayed at least one night was 5 to 7 percent lower than the 8.5 million who came the year before. The average visitor stayed 10 nights. Half of the tourists were foreigners. Many of those who stayed away last year were

Americans, frightened off by the war, he said. In the first six months, American and Canadian tourism was down 45 percent from 1990. Airport arrivals, which had grown at an average annual rate of more than 7 percent for a decade, fell 3 percent last year, although Mr. Franco said that was ater than at other French airports. The poor world economy also depressed tourism, but the war, which forced the cancellation of Carnirooms, said Marcel Levy, the general manager. The hotel is gearing itself more to a business crowd. val festivities, was seen as the biggest culpril. The downturn was felt in many quarters.

"Last year was the Gulf War. It was very bad for all tour organizations," said Davy Zins, a spokesman for Opio, a Club Mediterrance resort. "We lost a lot of money last year. We hope we will get it back this

Marie-Christine Maserati, manager of Nice's American Express office, said "it was worse than had" in 1991 because of the war. While other businesses found the slump especially acute among tour-ists, Ms. Maserati said it was corporate and convention traffic that was noticeably slower.

"People get confident and start traveling again," she said. "Companies want to economize as much as possible. We don't sell as many business- and firstclass rickets as two years ago." English speakers make up 80 percent of her clientele, she added.

At Le Méridien, a luxury hotel on the Promenade.

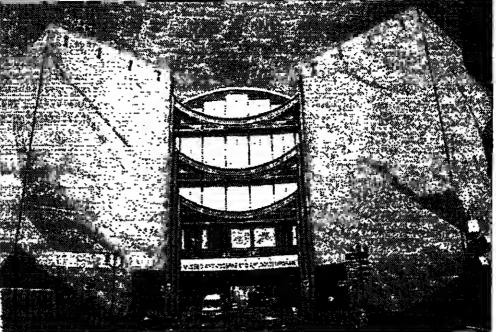
des Anglais, Nice's fashionable beachfront thoroughfare, occupancy was down 7 percent last year, but revenues were up about that amount because the hotel was able to raise the average rate on its 314

Also depressing tourism last year were reports of pollution on Riviera beaches, which officials said were not true, although oil from a tanker spill did wash up on St. Tropez last spring. What they do concede is a problem with crime.

"Robbers go to where they find what they're looking for," Ms. Seban of the CRT said of unsavory beachfront "strollers." "It's known all over the world that lots of rich tourists come here."

The 1992 season has gotten off to a decent enough start. Carnival attendance set a record this year, and, this time, the Riviera is benefiting from a political kettle of worms. With Yugoslavia at war, many Germans and Italians who used to go to beaches there are coming to the Côte d'Azur.

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## tourism organizations did the same. Leading Science Park Takes a Breather From Rapid Growth

By Jacques Neher

OPHIA ANTIPOLIS -Following a wild growth spurt last decade, Sophia Antipolis, one of Europe's premier science parks, is profiting from the economic slump to plan for a more managed and strategically focused development.

We've reached cruising speed," said Jacqueline Mirtelli, communication and promotion director for SAEM, the semi-public body responsible for developing this sprawling R&D campus in the pine- and oak-forested hills 22 kilometers (13 miles) west of Nice. After our growth crisis two years ago, we're now able to settle down and stabilize our position." Indeed, the slowdown in the

world economy, resulting in the sharp decline of new arrivals to the 2,300-hectare (about 5,680-acre) park, has given the developer time to resolve problems that had been created by the fast buildup in earlier years.

The authority acknowledges that it was overwhelmed by the 100 to 120 companies and research institutions that were setting up shop at Sophia Antipolis each year through the late 1980s. The boom sparked traffic jams

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and other problems of urban life in this far-from-urban setting, as the park's work-day population swelled to more than 15,000 people in addition to some 5,000 permanent inhab-

Last year, the recession put the brakes on corporate expansion decisions, causing new arrivals to drop by half, to 60. The slower pace has continued so far into

1992, officials say.
Since the Sophia Antipolis project was launched in 1972, some 870 companies and institutions have established operations at the science park, of which around 200 are involved in local service activities, shops, restaurants and other

Among the science park's big-gest French employers are Tele-mécanique, which conducts R&D for programmable automated systems, and Thomson Sintra, a subsidiary of Thomson SA, involved in medical acoustics and antisubmarine warfare. CNRS, the Nanonal Center for Scientific Research, has nine facilities at Sophia Antipolis, employing over 300 people.

The complex also has attracted R&D facilities from more than 160 foreign companies or their subsidiaries, particularly American companies. They include Digital Equipment Corp., the largest foreign employer at the park with around 1,000 people, NCR Corp. and Dow Chemical Co.

Sophia Antipolis also has attracted branch facilities from several major educational institutions, including the University of Nice and France's elite Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines, which offers graduate-level programs in energy research, applied mathematics, remote sensing and

TH most of the important infrastructure problems now under control, Sophia Antipolis officials bave turned their attention to fleshing out a master plan to cover the next decade or two.

A big part of that plan calls for cographic expansion of the park. With the park's available capacity shrinking - there is enough space in the original park to handle new-- regional authorities who oversee SAEM gave the go-ahead in 1990 for the development agency to acquire another 2,300-hectare parcel to the north.

"It's important to have no break in the availability of land," Ms. Mirtelli said, adding that the new zone likely will not be opened un-ul 1996 or 1997, and that it should take another 20 years to complete the development.

The development body also is modifying its marketing strategy for the kinds of companies it seeks to attract. The first step, she said, will be an effort to bring in more non-French European companies: We worked initially to attract companies from the United States, but now we'll be working also to bring in European companies. We have very few, and that's a

Sophia Antipolis has been particularly frustrated by the lack of interest shown by the large German companies, but the agency is optimistic that the situation may change with the growing integration of Europe

The German companies never had an expansion policy in Europe and they rarely have decentralized their R&D," Ms. Mirtelli said. "But they recognize that southern Europe is beginning to represent an important economic weight and that they can't ignore it. We have strong hopes for the German market."

Sohia Antipolis is making some headway in the United Kingdom, with British Telecom recently deciding to set up a facility at the

The development agency is also trying to attract more small and midsized companies that can serve as subcontractors for the large companies operating facilities at the park. "There's a huge market for subcontractors, especially in pharmaceuticals," she said.

Finally, the agency aims to develop Sophia Antipolis as a focal point for the transfer of science and technology on an international scale. In December, it signed with a unit of the European Cardiology Society to establish the Maison Européen du Coeur, a facility to serve as a European data bank for cardiovascular research and as a center for international heartrelated training in workshops and

SAEM'S objectives could be ad-vanced significantly by an inde-pendent project to launch an American-style institution to be called the Sophia Institute of Technology. The brainchild of Serge Miranda, a Nice University computer science professor, and Michael Melkanoff, a professor and department chairman at the University of California at Los Angeles, the plan aims to form a sort of joint venture between the world's best engineering schools that would offer American master's and Ph.D. programs, tanght in English, to mostly European students. It would focus initially on computer science.

## Marseille Ambition: Rotterdam of South

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from its peak year of 99.4 million tons in 1986. Within last year's overall slight decline, however, were more significant movements in particular cargo sectors, reflecting factors specific to those cate-gories. For example, petroleum, by far the most important cargo handled by the port in terms of tonnage, rose almost 2 percent to 63.7 million tons, due in part to strong demand from refineries at the Fos industrial zone.

On the other hand, general cargo, much more labor intensive, and therefore more important to the port in terms of value added, suffered a 3 percent decline, to 10.2 million tons. Of this, containerized traffic dropped 9 percent. The container business, of particular importance in trade with the United States, has been adversely affected by a raging rate war on the Atlantic, which has attracted trans-Atlantic shippers to the North European ports.

N addition, Marseille's containerized exports have been hit by the slump of Pernier water sales in the U.S. market over the past two years, following benzene contamination and the subsequent recall. In 1989. Pertier, whose spring is about 45 miles (72.5 kilometers) away from Fos, shipped some 16,000 20-foot-long containers filled with its bottled water to the United States, the equivalent of around eight large vessels. Last year, Perner's U.S.-bound shipments totaled half that level, according to Bernard Bretton, a sales official with the port anthority re-

sponsible for North America. "ft's dangerous to have a single major client," Mr. Bretton said, noting that such a decline in one shipper's activities can have a spiraling effect, forcing ship opera-tors, no longer able to amortize their call at the port, to cut back service, thus making the port less attractive for other shippers.

The outlook for this year in the container sector is not likely to improve much. For the first three months of 1992, containerized tonnage fell another 9 percent to

The short-term perspective is further clouded by continuing strikes at Marseille and other major French ports — this week they were shot down completely arising from efforts by the government to overhaul labor laws for dockers. The reform, in the works for the past two years, seeks to revolutionize a regime that has been in place for 45 years.

The Communist-dominated Conféderation Générale du Travail, the sole dockers union. strongly opposes the reform and it strikes in order to pressure the new government of Prime Minister Pierre Bérégovoy to reconsider the proposed legislation.

A much less ambitious program for cost reduction at the ports in 1987-88 was answered by strikes that crippled Marseille over a period of several months. The reform would ultimately result in signifi-cantly fewer dockers, perhaps half the 2,020 longshoremen currently registered at the port, said the port anthority's director, Michel Pe-

"Fewer people will translate to lower cost for the shipper," Mr. Pechere said. He added that the reform would produce more flexibility and lower employment costs

on the docks, thus creating coals tions for more companies to com and compete. Through this conpetition, he said, lower con-would ultimately be passed through to the shipper.

He said there was no doubt the the port is overstaffed with long shoremen. "We've been experie ing 10 days of strikes per mont and the dockers still manage handle nearly the same amount traffic they would normally." M. Pechere said. "That's proof the there are too many."

The current labor regime based on legislation adopted in 1947, long before the advent containerization, which estab. lished a tripartite system governing dock employment. Under the system, the state is responsible to granting longshoremen's cards

Port officials say the reform movement is 'irreversible.'

workers, essentially granting then a monopoly on dock jobs, A conmittee organized by the docker mion is charged with selecting them for employment each day.

Under the new regime, stevedore companies would be give the freedom to hire whomeve they wanted on a monthly contract, and they would be free in assign these employees to a range

Despite the current protests and strikes, port officials termed the reform movement "irreversible." saving that the political force of-fered by the CGT union was now easily ontweighed by the economic stakes of failing to reform. The French Communist Party, once a significant force, has been margin-alized in recent years, taking only s percent of the vote in regional elections last month.

"I see a big future before us" said Mr. Schutz, the port presdent. "We will have a port that is stabilized on the labor level, and this will ensure competitivity that will permit us to gain an important part of the market."

EANWHILE, post officials are looking to Paris for final d L cisions on massive infrastructure projects that would significantly expand Marseille M(III) ( 1116 mately, traffic. One concerns the on-again, off-again project to the complete a canal linking the Rhône and Rhine rivers, giving 1:shippers using Marseille access to Northern and Central Europe 2-The government so far has been vi unable to commit to the 18 billion francs (\$3.27 billion) required to build the remaining 220 kilome -

ters of canal. Also awaited is the government's choice for the route of a new trans-Alpine tunnel. Port authority officials are lobbying for a southern route that would link an-Marseille with Turin, Italy, extending Marseille's hinterland to this major European industrial ZODC.

"At stake is connecting France >= -: and the Mediterranean to the rest of Europe," said Mr. Schutz. 3: 2 "With that, the traffic will come."

Jacques Neber

## Technopole Links

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park development west of Nice had originally been approved by an interministerial council in Paris in 1972, but the project drifted because of a lack of state funding. Decentralization permitted the regional authorities of Alpes Marregional authorates of Alpes mar-itimes. Côte d'Azur, finsh with tax receipts generated by the local tourist trade, to invest directly in

the project. Since 1984, the regional authority has poured more than I billion

francs (\$180 million) into the 2,300-hectare (about 5,680-act) cience park, and it corrently underwrites more than 70 percent of the loans required to fund its infrastructure development.

Sophia Antipolis is now home

to more than 800 companies, more than 600 involved in research and development, in addition to a score of research institutes and university branches.

Paris has become increasingly indifferent, if not hostile, toward economic development efforts in southern France, local officials HEY say that DATAR.

France's industrial development agency, has occasionally tried to divert foreign investors seeking pos-sible sites in the French sunbelt to sites in the economically depressed coal-mining or steel togions of northern France. A few years ago, Intel Europe acknowledged that it decided to

build a new semiconductor chip factory in Ireland only after DA-TAR had rebuffed its first-choice. southern France.

"DATAR only cares about the north," said Patrick Genesic, pre-ident of Montpellier Technopole, now home to more than 500 com-penies spread out on three special-ized high-tech zones. "We haven't gotten anything from Paris."

However, Montpellier has been able to take advantage of grants of several millions of francs from the European Community, thanks to its designation as a "Eurocity," at EC program aimed at improving the transfer of technology.

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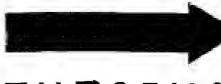
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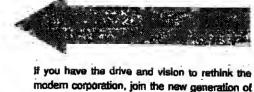
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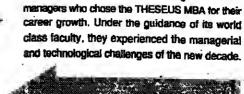
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## Southern France / A Special Report



## Tech and Town in Montpellier

At New Hall, Berlioz Shares Billing With 'Virtual Reality'

By Jacques Neher ONTPELLIER - Patrick Geneste becomes irritated if you ask about the mushrooming of technopoles through the French sumbelt. "All these others are not accurate when they claim they are technopoles, they are just industrial zones or science parks,"
he says. "The only real technopole is Montpellier."
For Mr. Geneste, present of Montpellier Technopole in the pole and deputy mayor of this city of 208,000 people, a true technopole must do more than just unite high-

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arms is enabled in the hosiness, education and research facilities in a common space. It must also find a way to weave an advanced technology environment into the cultural faint of a city.

"We have developed our technopole as part of an overall urban development plan," he said. "This plan includes social activities, sports, culture, architecture.

includes social activities, sports, culture, activities and the things that make up the life of a city.

A concrete example of this integration of business and culture is the recently opened Corum, a combination opera house and exhibition/conference hall. Last month, this sleek granite structure, built by the city at a cost of 850 million france (about \$152 million), hosted both the first trade show in the world the devoted to "virtual reality" — computers and robots locally produced performances of Berlioz's opera,
The Dammation of Paust.

"The Dammanon of Paust."

"The Corum has been in constant use since it opened," said Coralic Pages, a spokeswoman, pointing to a design that permits easy multiple usage. "We can hold a technical conference in the 2,000-seat theater during the day, while work goes on backstage to prepare for an opera. The conference can end at 6 hours, power and we can raise the curtain at 8 P.M. for an opera."

Another example is Antigone, a unique urban complex, designed with a flavor of ancient Greece by the Catalan architect Ricardo Botill. Antigone features 2,200 apartments and public housing units equipped with fiber-optic cables, offices, shops, res-

taurants, public spaces and fountains at the heart of the city. Development of a world trade center on the site is under way.

site is under way.

For the future, City Hall is well along on a project called Port Marianne, a plan to develop a large tract of land along the Lez river, ultimately linking Montpellier to its long-abandoned port on the Mediterranean, 6 kilometers (3.7 miles) to the south. The project blends parks, marina, bicycle paths, shops, hotels, offices, bousing, schools and even university facilities. Plans call for the first part of the development to be completed by 1997. ment to be completed by 1997.

The technology aspect of Montpellier is unique as well. Unlike other French cities, which have over the past few years designated an undeveloped zone for economic development, preferably of a high-tech nature, Montpellier and surrounding municipalities joined together in the early 1980s under the leadership of Mayor Georges Freche to develop a cluster approach, borrowed from the Japanese technology parks to nourish and cross-fertilize particular high-

The strategy has been largely successful, resulting in three major high-tech "theme" parks.

For the computer/robotics/electronics sector, there is the Parc de Millènaire, housing more than 140 companies. The zone's roots were planted two decades earlier when IBM Europe set up a plant nearby to produce mainframe computers. IBM remains the single largest industrial employer, with 2,800 workers, or almost three-fourths of the zone's

total work force.

A zone called Euromedicine covers the fields of medical science and biotechnology, with 162 companies employing 4,000 people. Residents include units of the French pharmaceuticals company Sanofi, Bristol Myers, and Hofmann-Laroche.

For agricultural research, the technology agency has developed Agropolis, which oow claims 180 companies and 2,150 employees.

Now, with the Corum and Port Marianne project at its focus, the agency is attempting to develop its tourism activities around a marketing concept

## Provence Slows Down High-Speed Train

By Conrad de Aenile

AMBESC, France -- The world's fastest train still cannot budge be-tween Marseille and the Rhône Valley city of Valcoce. The French National Railroad Company for several years has tried to extend its train à grande vitesse south from Valence to complete the link from Paris, through Lyon, to the sea. So far, though, its plans have been blocked by environmentalists and Provençal wine growers concerned that the train and its tracks will spoil their countryside.

The TGV Méditerranée has also been

delayed by bickering between the SNCF, the state-owned railroad, and municipal and regional authorities over the line's route and over who will pay for the trestles, tunnels and such that will be needed to put the project into commission.

"We are coming across opposition from people who live in the Rhône Valley," said Richard Ange, the SNCF's senior press offi-cer, "probably because the valley is a corridor that links Northern Europe with South-ern Europe. It is already occupied by infrastructures — classic railroad lines, infrastructures — classic railroad lines, highways and now the TGV project. If you add onto that pipelines and power lines, people are really restless and think they might be sacrificed."

That certainly is the concern of residents in the wine-growing area of Les Bouches du Rhône, the department that includes Marseille Aix-en-Provence and this town 17.

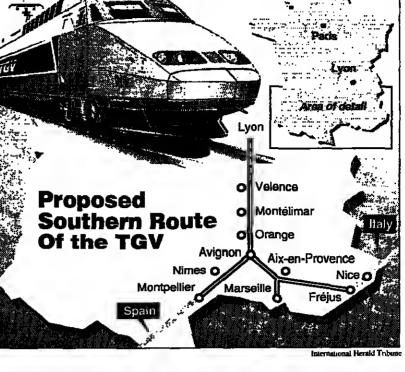
seille, Aix-en-Provence and this town 17 kilometers, or 11 miles, west of Aix.

"It's the first time the TGV is coming

through densely populated areas, and very fragile and beantiful ones," said Francis Wishart, a London-born artist who lives in Lambesc and was a founder of the Regional Cooperative Committee for the Defense of the Environment, a group trying to divert the TGV from its proposed path.
On a visit to Château Bas, a local vineyard

with a small, grayish-yellow stone castle and the ruins of a Roman temple, Mr. Wishart pointed to a stretch of land at the far end of the field where he said the tracks would run, ighting the countryside that Cézanne and

Van Gogh painted 100 years ago. But Mr. Angé said the path of the train had not yet been decided. The route,



zy projects."

"whether it's going to cross village A or village B, which river it will cross, which mountain it will go through," must be ap-proved by the Ministry of Transportation, explained. "This has oot been done yet. The alignment has not been settled."

Not officially, but maps provided by the SNCF of a provisional route thought the most likely to be approved shows the train passing right next to Château Bas, within perhaps 100 meters (about 325 feet) of the

The way it has been done has not taken into account what local authorities wanted; finding a solution least destructive to the local environment," Robert Celaire, deputy mayor of Lambesc for city planning, building and the environment, said of the ronte.
The TGV has to adapt itself to Provence; Provence shouldn't adapt itself to the TGV.

Mr. Wishart, whose organization is a coalition of 157 others totaling roughly 5,000 members, compared the project with development along the Riviera, which he said was done "often without thought, without a sense of beauty." That is exactly what the SNCF says it does not want to do.

Provence has already been damaged by cra-

People are starting to realize that the environment had better be taken into ac-count," Mr. Ange said. "Big infrastructure projects like the TGV serve the country, serve the regions, but they might have an impact on the small villages that they cross but that won't be served. We have to take their complaints into account, to terms of noise protection especially."

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unheard, although the TGV is less ooisy than an airplane or a highway, he said. To ease the acoustic pain, noise screens and mounds of dirt will need to be put up, and people living within earshot will have to double-paned windows.

have their houses fitted with insulation and Opponents of the project challenge it oot only on aesthetic grounds but economic ones. One of the selling points of the TGV is that it hrings prosperity wherever it goes.

Mr. Wishart said that was a myth and cited studies indicating that the TGV brought no

net economic growth to the regions it links. Nevertheless, to Aix-en-Provence officials are looking forward to the train's arrival. -"It's vital, economically it's a necessity," said Sabienne Pons, who is in charge of promotion for the Aix tourist board. What makes the project so critical for this city of 155,000 just north of Marseille, she said, is that it would bring visitors to a technology park due to be built in 1993 about 10 kilo-

meters away, where a station would be situ-

ated.
Some of the strongest sentiments against the project have been expressed by the region's wine growers, who fear the economic impact on them will be particularly acute. Lambesc is in the middle of Coteaux d'Aix, an appellation contrôlée zone. Wine made in such zones must conform to rigid growing and production standards, and if it does, it can command higher prices than other wines, said Jean-Claude Pellegrin, former president of the Regional Center for Young Farmers and a member of the wine

growers' administrative council. Viotoers in the Côteaux d'Aix region must grow a certain percentage of each of four distinct types of grapes. The zone as a whole must also produce a quota of each of

the four grapes to maintain its status.

If the TGV comes through a vineyard and eliminates a portion of one type, theo the grower must cut back production of the other three proportionately, said Mr. Pelle-grin, who owns a 40-hectare (100-acre) vineyard. And under the rules, grapes cannot be replanted, be said, so the production loss

Because the TGV would have an impact beyond the immediate path of the train, he said it was important to find a route that treads as lightly as possible on agricultural land.

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## Grenoble and Its Basket of Eggheads

the city's preeminence in physics War II, when Louis Neel, the win the Nobel Prize for his work on magnetism, left Strasbourg on the eve of the German occupation and eventually moved to Grenohis, which was in unoccupied ter-niory. On a peninsula created by the confluence of the Isère and Drac rivers, which had been used as an artillery range since Napoleon's time. Neel supervised the construction of numerous research institutes. Today, this site is crammed with internationally reiowned laboratories, including the ESRF, the Grenoble Nuclear Research Center, the Institut Lane-Langevin (ILL), and several key installations of the French National Center for Scientific Re-

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A princ time?

"Before the war, there were es-ntially no laboratories in Grenobie," says Mr. Nemoz. "Forty in the Paris region, and until rehave had to fight hard to develop themselves scientifically. But the current minister of research, Hubert Curien, is very cager to decentralize, and the south has a great attraction for many scientists."

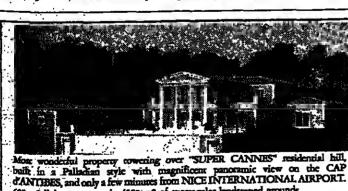
In addition to Nécl, two other European physicists, Rudolf Mössbaner and Klaus von Klitzing, have won Nobel Prizes for work largely carried out in Grenoble, and Harvard University Nobel laureate Norman Ramsey is a research collaborator at the Institut Laue-Langevin. The ILL, which houses a nuclear reactor producing high-in-tensity neutrons for research into the basic properties of matter, is one of the most important atomic research facilities in the world. Built in the 1960s by a joint French and German team, the reactor was a considerable success of nuclear engineering," says its director, Jean

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| Searchers and almost 40,000 nmiles of the postwar rapprochement between the two countries." The II.L. research that the recent announce down for more than two years for repairs sent shock waves through out the international scientific

Recently, the French govern-ment named Grenoble as one of four European "poles of attraction" (the others are Orsay, Strasbourg, and Toulouse), meaning that even further steps will be taken to enhance the city's international reputation. In response to this sumulus, Grenoble's four universities, along with the municipal and regional administrations and search facilities in the area, have formed a public interest group, the Pôle Universitaire et Scientifique de Grenoble, to coordinate local

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# SPORTS

## Ewing vs. Swarm: **Can Pistons Stop Knicks' Scorer?**

By Clifton Brown

New York Times Service CHARLESTON, South Carolina — As the Knicks ended practice ing often, but Chicago and Detroit on Wednesday, Patrick Ewing are the most effective at it. The walked casually across the empty court toward the team bus. When Ewing steps onto the court Friday right, however, he won't have nearly as much room.

Controlling Ewing is the Detroit ristons' top priority, as they pre-pare for their playoff series against the New York Knicks that begins Friday night at Madison Square Garden. The Pistons will doubleteam Ewing for certain, and tripleteam him if they feel they must.

Will Ewing become frustrated? Can Ewing still be effective despite the Pistons' swarming defense? And if Ewing's scoring output drops, can the Knicks still win?

"I don't think I'll shoot 4 for 20 again." Ewing said, referring to his shooting performance in his last game against Detroit, in which the Knicks suffered an embarrassing 72-61 defeat on April 12, "We know what they do. They hring everybody against me. They swarm me.

"I'll have to find the open men. block shots, rebound, I think we're prepared and that we know how to

Now in his seventh season, Ewing had another dominant campaign, averaging 24 points, 11.2 re-bounds and 2.9 blocks. With David Robinson's season cut short by injury and with Hakeem Olajuwon having a subpar season, at least for him. Ewing may have been the league's best center from start to firish. But Ewing wants much more than personal recognition.

conference finals, and the Knicks will have to beat Detroit, then most likely Chicago, to get there this year. That's a tall order, but the Knicks' couch, Pat Riley, senses Ewing is prepared to do battle.

"Patrick Ewing will raise his game to another level," Riley said. 23 the Knicks ended their three-day minicamp in Charleston, 'He's going to bring every ounce of effort that he has. He always does."

Ewing will need his best to over come the Pistons' attention. Almost every team double-teams Ew-Pistons double-team with random defenders, making it harder for the Knicks to anticipate who will be left open. Sometimes Isiah Thomas will leave his man to double-team Ewing. Other times Joe. Dumars will do it, or perhaps Dennis Rodman or Mark Aguirre.

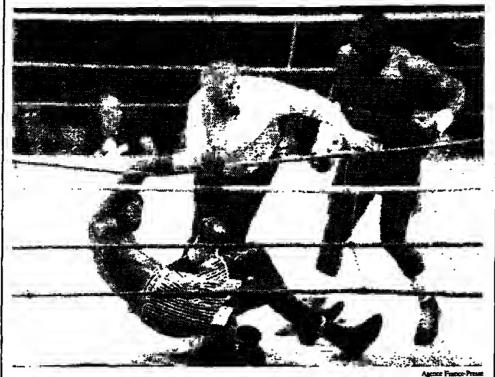
The pattern for the Pistons' defensive strategy was set during their second game against New York this season on Nov. 30. Ewing scored a season-high 45 points, leading the Knicks to a 103-96 victory. The Pistons tried to play Ewing one-on-one most of that game, and they paid for it. And it never happened again. Ewing was held to 13 and 14 points in the Knicks' last two meetings with Detroit.

"We came to the conclusion that Patrick Ewing was the main thrust of their offense," said Brendan Malone, a Pistons assistant coach, after the Pistons' victory on April 12. Instead of playing everyone straight up, we'd donble-team him every time he got the ball. He scored 45 points against us earlier in the year, and we weren't going to let that happen again."

The Knicks' coaching staff is cer-tain to have introduced new wrinkles in the offense. Ewing may think: pass first, shoot second. The other Knieks will probably move more without the ball, looking for open spaces. Ewing may spend more time on the perimeter, instead of the low post.

But regardless of what the Pis-He has never led the Knicks to the tons do, Ewing must be a force at both ends for the Knicks to win. So often, the team goes as Ewing goes. Although the Knicks won 51 games this season, they ended the year on a sour note by losing five of their last eight and letting the Atlantic Division title get away.

"All that is behind us now," Ewing said of the team's disappointing season. "It's going to be a physical series, but we're ready to play bas-



SHORT, NOT SO SWEET — José Ribalta being knocked out by the British heavyweight Frank Bruno in the second round of the bout Wednesday in London. The former European champ, in his second comeback fight after an eye operation, needed only 4 minutes, 44 seconds to send Ribalta crashing. The Cuban spent almost as long on the canvas after taking two riveting rights from Bruno, who says he now wants a shot at the world champion, Evander Holyfield.

## New Zealand Edges Out Italy Conner Loses Another One to America 3

By Angus Phillips Washington Post Service

SAN DIEGO - With Dennis Conner's America's Cup campaign withering on the vine, attention has turned to the building drama on the challengers' course, where the finalists New Zealand and Il Moro di Venezia slugged it out again in a seesaw battle that wound up this time with the Kiwis on top.

Conner, who struggled just to make it into the two-boat defense finals with his year-old Stars & Stripes, took a third straight clobbering at the hands of rival America3, losing by a worrisome 4 minutes, 20 sec-onds to fall behind, 3-0, in best-of-13 defender finals. That race was over almost from the start as America strode out to a lead of 1 minute, 16 seconds up the lirst

leg on the strength of clearly superior boat speed, and Conner & Co. never even got close. You might have expected the same to happen on the challengers' course as Il Moro's skipper, Paul Cayard, carved out a perfect start and forged to an even bigger advantage over New Zealand — I minute, 46 seconds

— three miles up the course in shifty, 5-knot breezes.
But followers of this Cup season have learned you can't count New Zealand out of anything until the finish gun sounds, and Wednesday gave yet more

The Kiwis, in their ultralight, skiff-like red sled, got more than half the lead back on the second leg. Then, with a building breeze at their hacks, shot into the lead

on the second beat upwind.

By the time the two red boats turned the corner at

the third mark, one-third of the way through the all mile race, New Zealand was on top by 33 seconds and the skipper Rod Davis was in control. He held off subsequent Il Moro charges to win by 34 seconds, putting New Zealand up, 2-1, in the best-of-nine final series to select a challenger for the May 9 Cup maich against a U.S. defender.

If Davis had anything besides his speedy, light hour to thank for the result, it was Cayard, whose unorthodox tactics cost the lead and eventually the race.

Cayard, evidently alarmed by New Zealand's slippery speed as the wind built to 9 knots and the lumpy seas began to settle down, ignored Rule One of sailbon match-racing: He failed to cover.

The leading skipper's job in any two-boat race is to stay between his opponent and the next mark of the course. But Cayard let Davis drift off to the right side. of the course as they pounded upwind toward the third mark, and when a favorable wind shift powered the Kiwis up, Cayard went instantly from ahead to threeboat-lengths behind.

The moribund racing of the defenders, meanwhile, leads U.S. interests to wonder how well the likely winner, America<sup>3</sup>, will stack up against a battle-hardened New Zealand or II Moro in the best-of-seven

Italy's syndicate chief, Raul Gardini, argued Tues-day that the challenger finalists are getting far better grounding in match-racing skills and are pushing each other harder than Conner is pushing America?'s chief.

## NFL Draft Is a Beauty for Teams With First-Round Picks

By Thomas George

New York Times Service NEW YORK - The way a National Football League team views each draft

If you are the Dallas Cowboys and have two picks in each of the first three rounds, then this year's draft looks rosy.

If you are the Minnesota Vikings and with few players who can make an immedi-

Draft beauty is, indeed, in the eye of the

But there are areas of consensus about the 1992 NFL draft here on Sunday. If you secondary, then this draft is for you.

Also, this draft is strengthened by 34 college juniors who left school early. NFL scouts say the first four selections will

Pure talent had always been at the foreoften depends on the particular vantage front of NFL draft philosophy until a major push in the 1980s placed a premium on a draftee's character as well. Now teams have added another criterion: How quickly can he be signed?

A look at the teams who could be some have no picks until the fourth round, then of this draft's prime players follows. These this is a draft full of potential, but also one teams have two picks each in the first round: Indianapolis, Washington, Miami, Dallas, Green Bay and Atlanta. These teams have no first-round picks; Minneso-ta, Phoenix, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia and

Houston. Dallas is in the best position for draftare a team looking for a boost in the offensive and defensive lines and in the secondary, then this draft is for you.

day deals and would love to have Vincent or Buckley to belp mend a pass defense that was the team's weak link last season and one that was exploited mercilessly in the playoffs by Detroit.

This is the fourth draft for Coach Jimmy prohably all be juniors and defensive picks 
Johnson and for Jerry Jones, the owner of (Washington defensive tackle Steve Emtthe Cowboys, and both men have become Johnson and for Jerry Jones, the owner of

By Alan Truscott

low spade.

N the diagramed deal West pro-O N the diagrame. While duced a superb opening lead.

North-South were using transfer bids in response to one no-trump. South was

able to show heart length by bidding two

diamonds, and then show five clubs by

bidding that suit twice. The subsequen cue-bids in diamonds and spades showed first round control. Another clue came

North held the spade king.

North-South settled in six clubs. West

pinned his hopes on the chance that his

partner held the spade queen, and led a

South would have survived if he had played dummy's spade king, but he had no way to know that West had underled

his ace. South made the normal play of

the ten and East produced the queen.

South ruffed, and was doomed in prac-

tice. He drew two rounds of trumps, discovered the bad break and played

bearts. West held up his ace until the third round of the suit and played the

spade ace, forcing another ruff. He could

not then be prevented from scoring the

setting trick in trumps.

South could have made the slam after

the first trick hy drawing one round of

trumps with the jack and then leading

hearts, but that would have been double

dummy play, needing a periscope.

man, Wisconsin cornerback Troy Vincent, Pittsburgh defensive end Sean Gilbert and Florida State cornerback Terrell Buckley). Walker trade in 1989 that gave the Cowboys the draft leverage they continue to

enjoy.

Last year, the Cowboys traded their way up to No. 1 and grabbed defensive tackle

Dallas, with two picks in each of the first three rounds, is in the best position to deal.

Russell Maryland and kept dealing until they finished with 17 players in 12 rounds. Look for Dallas to deal, with an eye to solidifying its draft position for the future. It is also an important draft for the San Francisco 49ers. After all of the bumps and hruises the 49ers have endured over the last two seasons, all eyes are on them to see

With three proven quarterbacks in Joe

whether any draft magic remains.

Montana, Steve Young and Steve Bono, look for Bono or Young to be dealt, possi-hly on draft day. Are the Raiders interest-

is at their training site already preparing for the 1992 season, but privately they are concerned about his reportedly failing a league drug test after last season's playoff pears unlikely. The Colts believe there are game loss to Kansas City.

The Raiders want quarterback insur-ance, and if it isn't Young or Bono, odds are they will find a quarterback on draft

The Indianapolis Colts, by virtue of their 1-15 finish last year, own the No. 1 pick and, via a 1990 trade of quarterback Chris Chandler to Tampa Bay, own the No. 2

The Colts' first pick, depending on whether they can sign him before the draft, is Emman. Their second pick remains unclear. The Colts are leaning toward Texas A&M linebacker Quintin Coryan, Vincent and Michigan receiver Desmond Howard. Coryatt now leads the pack as the Colts lean more toward defense.

The Coits' new no-huddle offense featuring Jeff George at quarterback and a capable receiver in Bill Brooks can get by i? with what it has, but the no-huddle scheme also means that the Colts defense — al-

> pears unlikely. The Colts believe there are two worthy players at No. 1 and at No. 2, and they are right. But it would take nearly \$6 million in signing bonuses alone to bring aboard the top two picks.

If Howard, the Heisman Trophy winner, slips as far as No. 6, he could be taken by the Washington Redskins, the Super Bowl champs, who acquired the pick from the Chargers for a second-round choice last year and a fifth-round choice this year. That Howard might be around when the

Redskins pick illustrates the waning interest in spending a top-five pick and big money on a smallish, fleet receiver. The thinking goes that these flankers do not touch the ball nearly enough to warrant

the pick and price.

### **BOOKS**

THE CHAIRMAN: John J. Mc-Cloy: The Making of the American Establishment

By Kai Bird. 800 pages. \$30. Simon & Schuster, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020.

Reviewed by Michael R. Beschloss

PEAKING at the Haverford College commencement in June 1965, John J. McCloy modestly refrained from mentioning himself when he said that at crucial moments in history. "No amount of education nor doctrine fully bridges the gap to sound decision. The Romans would have understood what I am trying to say. They had a word for it — 'gravitas' - and the one who possessed it had the respect and regard of his countrymen, whether he was in the forum or on 

McCloy no doubt expected that his biographer would see him as the living embodiment of gravitas. He no doubt boned that the story of his career as Wall Street lawyer, public servant, chairman of the Chase Bank, Ford Foundation, and Council on Foreign Relations would imoress Americans with the notion of leav-

ing their fate in the hands of a wise elite.
"The Chairman" does exactly the opposite. With careful understatement and an effort to let the facts speak mainly for

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themselves, Kai Bird portrays an all-toooften narrow-minded, higoted, stubborn, myopie, ruthless and self-glorifying man who was nevertheless entrusted with

most a balf-century. McCloy was born poor in 1895 to a Philadelphia insurance clerk and his Pennsylvania Dutch wife. After his father died, his mother worked as a society hairdresser for 50 cents an hour. McCloy missed few opportunities to put himself where, as he put it, "all the right people went." A graduate of Harvard Law School and a partner in an eminent Wall Street firm by age 34, McCloy grabbed the opportunity to enter government in December 1940 as an \$8,000-a-year special assistant to Secretary of War Henry Stimson. Bird notes that in that post, "more than any other official," McCloy was responsible for the sending of Japanese-Americans to camps surrounded by harbed-wire fences for three years.

The author notes that as liaison to the War Refugee Board, McCloy was in a "unique position" to demand consideration of military action to rescue the Jews of Europe. Instead McCloy applied "benign obstruction."

McCloy distrusted the stories of the Holocaust as Jewisb exaggerations. In 1944, McCloy testified against a Congressional resolution backing a Jewish commonwealth" in Palestine. He blocked the admission of Jewish refugees to the United States on grounds of pre-serving "Army morale" and keeping anti-Semitism under control.

McCloy blocked hombing raids against the Nazi death camps, falsely claiming that it would require the diversion of considerable air support." Bird the raids in August 1944, "some bundred thousand Hungarian Jews in Auschwitz would have been spared death by gas-sing. With the gas chambers destroyed, the Nazis would have been forced to suspend the industrial scale of their murders. McCloy bears substantial responsi-

bility for this misjudgment."
McCloy returned to New York in 1952
as chairman of the Chase Bank and was used by President John F. Kennedy as a special adviser on disarmament and a counselor during the Cuban Missile Crisis. In 1970, as a lawyer for U.S. oil companies, he won an assurance from Attorney General John Mitchell that there would be no antitrust penalty if members of his oil clientele negotiated jointly with the oil cartel OPEC.

Oh, yes. A few weeks after the speech about "gravitas" and "weight of judg-ment," McCloy was called to Lyndon Johnson's State Department to be briefed on Vietnam and offer his opinions on the war. He told Dean Rusk and Robert McNamara that Vietnam was a "crucial test" in the Cold War: "You've got to do it. You've got to go in."

Michael R. Beschloss, the author, most recently, of "The Crisis Years: Kennedy and Khrushchev, 1960-1963," wrote this for The Washington Post.

BOOPSIE. MOTHER TERESAS STILL ALIVE.

#### PEANUTS BRIDGE

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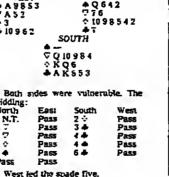
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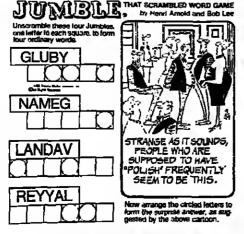




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The Associated Press

<u>american league</u>

Milligan was unconscious for a few seconds after the collision.

Medics immobilized his head in a

brace, put him onto a stretcher and

lifted him into an ambulance. Rip-

ken also got into the ambulance,

under his own power. The game

Mike Utley." Oates said, referring

to the Detroit Lions' player who was paralyzed last year in a Nation-

al Football League game. 'There weren't five words spoken in our dugout the rest of the game."
The mood brightened after the

game when it was learned that Milligan had sustained no neurological

damage and no broken bones. He

spent the night in a hospital and is listed as day-to-day, although he could be out two weeks. Ripken

was treated for a bruised shoulder

Baltimore won its sixth straight

and improved to 9-5. The Royals,

despite a revamped lineup, lost

no victories despite a 1.27 ERA in

Tigers 12, Rangers 8: Cecil Fielder led off the fifth with a 424-

foot (130-meter) home run that

Mickey Tettleton, Rob Deer and

Travis Fryman also homered for

victory in Arlington, Texas.

and released.

four starts.

"All I could think about was

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City, Missouri.

major injuries.

The Baltimore Orioles, despite a

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# SPORTS BASEBALL



The Blues' Phillipe Bozon positioning in front of the Blackhawks' Chris Chelios and Dominik Hasek.

## Hull's 11th Shot, in Overtime, Is One Too Many for Chicago

The Associated Press After 10 shots, Brett Hull took

his best one. "Right now, it's the biggest goal of my career," Hull said after his slap shot at 3:33 of the second overtime Wednesday night gave the St. Louis Blues a 5-4 home victory

over the Chicago Blackhawks: - 17727 "It's the first time I've ever done something like this," said Hull, League with 70 goals this season but has generally been ineffective

in playoff games in the past. It was Hull's 11th shot of the game. Five of those came in the

overtime periods,. The victory gave the Blues a 2-1 ead over the Blackhawks in their first-round Nortis Division series. Hull took a drop pass from Bob

Bassen also had an open shot, cl2

but there was no doubt in his mind where the puck should go. "Hully and I were both there and

thought I'd let him shoot it," Bassen said. "He's the man." Red Wings 5, North Stars 4: Yves Racine's unassisted goal 1:15 into overtime capped a three-goal

rally, lifting Detroit over Minneso-

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS ta for the first time in their Norris

Division series after two losses at home. The victory, in Bloomington, Minnesota, was crucial; only teams have rebounded from three-game deficits.

Ray Sheppard's power-play goal with 3:32 left in regulation sent the game into overtime and backup goalie Vince Riendean stopped all It shots he faced for the Red Bassen in the slot and tipped a 20-footer between Dominik Hasek's ta team that finished 28 points bepads for his second goal of the hind them in the regular-season

SMYTHE DIVISION Jets 4, Canucks 2: The Jets built

a four-goal lead and threw a defensive blanket over Vancouver as they beat the favored Canneks in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to take a 2-1

lead in their series. Randy Carlyle, Pat Elynnik, Locien Deblois and Thomas Steen scored for the Jets, who finished 15 points behind the front-running Canucks during the regular season. Only solid work by Canucks goalie Kirk McLean, who made 33 saves. kept the score respectable.

Oilers 4, Kings 3: Bernie Ni-cholls scored his second powerplay goal of the game against Los Angeles with 7:23 remaining to lift the Oilers over the Kings in Edmonton, Alberta, giving Edmonton a 2-1 lead in the series.

Nicholls, a former King, set an Oiler club record with his fourth Athletics 10, Angels 4: Mark McGwire homered in his first two power-play goal of the series when he beat Kelly Hrudey on his second at-bats, spoiling Chuck Finley's Reliever Scott Bankhead was attempt after fanning on the first. season debut and sending Mike warming up to face Darryl Straw-when Eric Davis tried to stretch a runs as the Cuhs rallied on a windy

Moore and Oakland to another victory over California in Oakland. McGwire leads the majors with cight home runs.

head-banging collision that sent two of its infielders to the hospital. indians 7, Blue Jays 2: In Toron-to, Cleveland ruined Dave Stieb's defeated the Royals, 2-1 in Kansas In the second big bang-up in the return to the majors and stopped a 13-game losing streak against the Blue Jays. Stieb, sidelined for most major leagues in two days, first baseman Rendy Milligan was knocked ont when his head of last season because of back sursmashed into second baseman Billy

gery, had not pitched since May 22.
The Blue Jays' former ace gave
up a home run to Glenallen Hill in
the first inning and three RBIs to
Felix Fermin before leaving after

Ripken's shoulder as they chased a ground ball in the fifth inning on Wednesday night. But the Orioles Twins 8. Mariners 1: Bill Krueger won for the third time in three were more fortunate than the Chistarts, pitching Minnesota past the Mariners in Seattle. Krueger, cut cago White Sox 24 hours earlier neither Milligan nor Ripken had by the Mariners last season after going 11-8, has a 0.75 ERA. He On Tuesday, the White Sox lost Ozzie Guillen, their All-Star short-stop, for the season after he tore gave up one run on seven hits in eight innings.
The Twins tied a season high

ligaments in his right knee when he ran into left fielder Tim Raines. Yankees 4, White Sox 3: Kevin "Thank goodness, it doesn't look too bad right now," Orioles manag-er Johnny Oates said after his Maas made up for a base-running mistake by Roberto Kelly with a iebreaking single in the ninth in

Kelly singled with one out in the ninth against Scott Radinsky for his fourth hit of the game, Mel Hall followed with a drive over center fielder Lance Johnson's head, but Kelly missed second base, had to go back and touch the bag, and

could only reach third. Maas fol-



The Athletics' Lance Blankenship was airborne after making the tag on Rene Gonzales of the Angels.

## What Quake? Reds Defeat Dodgers, 4-3

The big shake-up in the National West has nothing to do with the Houston Astros moving

in to first place. The Reds and Dodgers played right through the earthquake that Southern California on Wednesday night, with Cincinnati winning, 4-3, as a result of two errors by Los Angeles third base-

man Lenny Harris. their sixth in a row and slipped to The Reds and Dodgers noticed that the Astros won, but they didn't Rick Sutcliffe won with a sixfeel the quake all that much. hitter. Kevin Appier, the loser, has

An earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter scale shook Dodger Stadium at 9:51 P.M. in the hottom of the sixth inning. Although the stadium shook, play was not stopped and the players went about broke a 7-7 tie and led Detroit to

A crowd of 34,924 had little reaction and remained after the quake. "What earthquake?" Eric Davis, Dodgers outfielder, said. "If you all say it was an earthquake, then it was an earthquake. I've felt earth-

the Tigers, who lead the majors with 25 home runs. Fielder drove in two runs and leads the majors with quakes before. I'm from here. Every earthquake they've had, I've been here.

berry when the quake hit. He went right on with his warmups. A TV camera in center field swayed for about 10 seconds.

**Orioles Survive Collision to Beat Royals** 

dembers of the media in the press box said phones went out for a few minutes, but electricity remained Harris, who entered the game as

a pinch-hitter in the sixth and re-

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placed Mike Sharperson in the field, misplayed grounders by Gary Green and Paul O'Neill in the seventh to help the Reds score the tiebreaking run.

"It was just a bad night," Harris said. "It was a bad hop. Nothing you can do about it. 1 was snakebit tonight, but it's not going to bother

For the second straight night, the Reds' bullpen received credit for the victory after blowing a 3-1 lead for Tom Browning. Steve Foster. Bankhead and Norm Charlton fin-

Charlton pitched 11/3 innings for

thrown out

Astros 3, Giants 1: In Houston, Chris Jones hit a two-run homer in the 12th as Houston beat San Francisco to move into sole possession of first place in the National League West. The Astros closed their 15-game home stand with a 9-6 record, winning seven of their last

Eric Yelding had a one-out single off loser Mike Jackson and Jones then bit his first home run of the season, a drive to left field. Padres 9, Braves 4: In San Diego,

Bruce Hurst pitched 715 strong innings and the Padres hit Atlanta's Tom Glavine hard, handing the 1991 NL Cy Young Award winner his first 1992 loss. Glavine gave up 11 hits in four innings, the most bits and his shortest outing this season. Fred McGriff hit a two-run double and Jerald Clark a two-run homer in a five-run first inning, and McGriff added an RBI single in the second.

Cubs 9, Phillies 5: Ryne Sandberg hit a three-run homer and An-

single to left into a double and was day in Chicago to beat Philadel-

Shawn Boskie won despite giving up five runs and five hits in five senmacher and Bob Scanlan completed the six-hitter, Terry Mulho!land allowed six runs and six bits in six innings.

Pirates 2, Expos 0: In Montrea! Kirk Gibson led off the game with a home run and Doug Drabek made it stand up with a five-hitter as Pittsburgh won its ninth straight game. Pittsburgh is off to a 12-2 start to equal a team record. The last Pirate team to win 12 of its first 14 games was in 1914.

After starting the season 5-2, the Expos have lost four straight games and six of their last seven.

Mets 3, Cardinals 2: Eddie Murray hit his first home run for New York in the ninth to lift the Mets over St. Louis, Cris Carpenter relieved to start the ninth and Murray, signed as a free agent in the off-season, hit his 399th career home run with one out.

Jeff Innis got the victory after striking out the side in the ninth.

## **SCOREBOARD**

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SIDELINES

## **Belgium Defeats Cyprus in Soccer**

BRUSSELS (AP) — Marc Wilmots scored midway through the first half Wednesday night as Belgium beat Cyprus, 1-0, in the opening game of European qualifying for the 1994 World Cup of soccer.

Cyprus's goalkeeper, Michalis Christofi, tried to intercept a cross from Johan Walem, but Wilmots beat him to the ball and scored into the empty

net in the Group 4 match. Belgium, which has qualified for three consecutive World Cups, is a favorite in the group along with Czechoslo-

In the other European World Cup qualifier, Spain defeated Albania, 3-0, behind two goals from Miguel González in Seville. Spain is considered the favorite in Group 3, which includes Ireland, Denmark, Northern Ireland, Latvia and Lithuania.

## **UEFA** to Keep Its New Cup Format

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - UEFA, European soccer's governing body, said Thursday that it would stick to the new European Cup format next

The European Cup, until the 1990-91 season an elimination competi-tion throughout, was played on a round-robin basis after the second round this season, with the eight remaining teams divided into two semifinal groups. The winners of each group qualified for the final.

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Johnson Takes Middleweight Title -EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — Reggie Johnson used both hands to open cuts around Steve Collins's eyes and then held off a late rally to capture the vacant World Boxing Association middleweight title with a majority decision Wednesday night.

Johnson, 25, was particularly effective in taking control in the eighth.

ninth and 10th rounds before letting Collins make it close toward the end of the 12-round bout. Uriel Aguilera of Colombia had it 115-113 and Marcos Torres of Panama scored it 115-114, both for Johnson. Samuel Conde of Puerto Rico scored the fight a draw.

## For the Record

Mayor David Dinkins or New York announced plans Wednesday for ≥ \$180 million expansion of the National Tennis Center, the home of the U.S. Open.

Aaron Krickstein upset top-seeded Boris Becker, 6-1, 6-4, in the third round of the clay-court Monte Carlo Open Thursday when Becker's famed serve failed him.

Excavation work on the Texas Rangers' new stadium in Arlington. Texas will begin Friday. The as-yet-to-be-named stadium is scheduled for completion by opening day of the 1994 season.

Ethiopia said Thursday that it would take part in the Barcelona Olympics in June, ending a 12-year self-imposed exile. (Reuters)

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## **OBSERVER**

## Bring Back Cowboys

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — As president I'd have television kick the lawyers out of prime time and put back cowboys.

In the 1950s when America was on top of the world, television had almost nothing but cowboys. Now television has lawyers up to here. and America is not on top of the world, though it could be if it stopped acting like a drunken riot on the street corner and went for

dignity and self-respect. I don't necessarily hlame TV lawyers for America's descent into squalor. I merely point our that it didn't go that route as long as the cowboy ruled the tube. And the tube, after all, is where we learn

how to live our lives. Nowadays there are so many lawyers in prime time that you can be finicky in choosing one. I know a woman so addicted to TV divorce lawyers that she no longer watches "L.A. Law" unless Arnie the divorce lawyer is the center of the

Arnie, as you may not know if you shun divorce lawyers in favor of public defenders or bond lawvers, is a poor model for a nation that needs to lift its gaze from the mire. His is a dreary form of human corruption - the conviction that a little sleaziness is not only burnan, but also slightly charming. This was the kind of stuff of which Matt Dillon, back in the 1950s, purged Dodge City week after week.

Under the hard cowboy discipline, even a TV cop like Sergeant Joe Friday minded his manners. politely addressing women as "Ma'am." If he were back on the force today, Friday's commendable civility would probably make him the butt of other TV cops' cruel jokes, just as Howard's gentlemanly style made the other cops on Hill Street Blues" treat him like an imbecile.

Whenever there is a display of politeness or good manners in to-day's lawyer-dominated television. the purpose is usually to suggest either a dumb comic innocence or a feeble-minded inability to adapt to social realities. The social realities. of course, are assumed to be vulgar. meretricious, corrupt and possibly bestial, and anybody capable of the routine decencies is assumed to be ridiculously ill equipped to deal

will drive home the point that a cop saving, Just the facts. Ma am. can only be a nerd.

One of the best modern TV cops. Mick of "Hill Street Blues." was given to addressing particularly loathsome felons as "Dog Breath." This, doubtless, contributed to the authenticity of the show, but not to the viewer's grasp of decorous conversauon.

Much as I admired Mick's truly fine character, I think he would have felt ashamed about speaking so coarsely on TV if Marshal Dillon had been around to give him that cold, disgusted eye and say: "Remember, Mick, America is watching us to learn how to live its life. You don't want your Mom to think she's out of date because she doesn't talk nasty and ugly like TV people, do you?

So, as president, I'd have the TV bosses into the White House and tell them about the civility gap, or the manners crisis, or the politeness shortage. I'd have my campaign bandlers (wordsmitb division) come up with a suitable ear-pleaser to make the public worried about the rising tide of rudeness.

I'd say TV sure would be doing America a mighty big favor if they canceled a bunch of lawyers and got some cowboys back in the old telesaddle again, back where a horse is a friend and a cowboy calls a woman "Miss Kitty" instead of - well, never mind that. And none of those modern cowboys either, because America already knew more than it needed about sadism, sodomy and rape. I'd want the kind of cowboys who'd run Arnie out of Dodge fast if be didn't clean up his

After the TV people refused, I'd call in some lawyers of my own and, like any normal American educated by television, I'd say: "I want that TV mob leaned on hard. l want them leaned on until you can bear their stinking guts gurgling for mercy. I want them leaned on until they put cowboys back in the parlor so we can save America from beroes so vile that they can say 'stinking guts gurgling' in polite company, order hired guts to lean on people, and obeapen our noble law by calling its agents 'hired

New York Times Service

## When a Hard-Boiled Guy Looked at Food

By Marialisa Calta New York Times Service

I OWA CITY, Iowa — "Never eat at any place called Mom's." counseled Nelson Algren, who spent his life chronicling the the lost souls of America in books like The Man With the Golden Arm."

It's the kind of snappy aphorism (with its corollaries "Never play cards with any man named Doc" and "Never sleep with anyone whose troubles are worse than your own") that suited Algren, who died in 1981 at the age of 72.

He was known for his gambling, drinking and womanizing as well as for his novels, which also included "Walk on the Wild Side," and numerous short stories peopled by prostitutes, drug addicts, con artists and the like, It's a piece of advice that, to date, is probably Algren's most public association with food.

But on May 5, the University of lowa Press is publishing, for the first time, "America Eats," a short work that Algren wrote in the 1930s for the Works Progress Administration. It is a portrait of Midwestern food ways, with recipes from apple pie 10 zabaglione and the same attention to detail be used in describing Frankie Machine shooting heroin in "The Man With the Golden Arm."

Of an Old Settlers Picnic in Nebraska, he wrote: "Heaping bowls of ripe sliced tomatoes are placed every few inches across the table; other bowls are laden with fresh sliced cucumbers. Sweet pickles, dill pickles, bread-and-butter pickles, pickled peaches, pears and crab apples by the gallon wait in crocks. Then there are colesiaws, mixed-vegetable salads, fruit salads and gaily colored pickled eggs. Plates piled high offer hot rolls, bot corn bread, plain white bread, Swedish rye, Russian rye packed with caraway seeds. Swedish twist with a garnish of poppy seeds, whole wheat bread, and the popular

sweet raisin bread." Instead of the cheap whiskey and cheaper beer that permeate most of Algren's fiction, "America Eats" is infused with the warm, kitcheny scents of blinis, goulash, Portuguese walnut pudding, breakfast

scones and polenta. The university acquired the 86-page manuscript — neatly typed on vellow copy paper with the words "Am, Eats Algren" scrawled in pencil at the top of the first page—as part of an astonishing collection of more than 11,000 cookbooks and culinary writings that date back to 1499 and cover an enormous range of subjects from cannibalism and Antarctic cookery.

The collection was donated two years ago by Louis I. Szathmary. a cookbook author and chef in Chicago. The Algren



Nelson Algren on the balcony of his Chicago apartment in 1950.

book, available from the press for \$22.95. is the second in the lowa Szathmary Culi-

nary Arts Series. Szathmary, a Hungarian, first met Al-gren in the early 1960s in Chicago, where the writer lived for much of his adult life. He frequented Szathmary's restaurant, the Bakery on the near North Side of Chicago. Algren often looked "like a burn." Szathmary recalled in a recent telephone conversation. But, "he had excellent manners." and, Szathmary said, "he knew good food and enjoyed it."

"Do not forget that he was the lover of Simone de Beauvoir, the dining compan-ion of Jean-Paul Sartre, Szathmary said. On some level, he was an elegant bon vivant." But Algren bardly had a typical bon vivant's approach to life. On meeting de Beauvoir for the first time, in 1947, Algren took ber on a tour of Chicago which included psychiatric wards and an

In his preface to "America Eats," Szathmary writes of his first visit to the writer's apartment: "Even blindfolded, I would have been able to recognize Nelson's home by its smell. It was an odor typical of a bachelor's apartment inhabited by one who stored huge amounts of magazines and papers for a long time, who chainsmoked with other chain-smokers over the poker table set up in the kitchen, who kept his clothing clean but never threw any-thing out. The undertone of beer, bourbon and wine mixed in with the cold, stale smoke. The kitchen faucet dripped, perhaps for years, into some foil pie dishes piled in the sink. Yes, the odor of dripping water was also a part of the general aroma as were the shaving cream and soap smells from the bathroom.

It was in this apartment, in 1975, that Szathmary first laid eyes on the "America Eats" manuscript, as Algren auctioned off many of his possessions to finance & move from Chicago to New Jersey.

"That apartment depressed me," Szath-

mary said. One of the greatest American writers living such a life! It was clear he needed money, but be would never take it

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Instead, Szathmary bid on the manu-script, offering a generous sum which he declines to disclose. "Nelson thought I was sheer mad," he said.

According to Szathmary, the author told him, "the recipes in it are lousy."
Algren explained: "It was a government writer's project. I did it because I needed the money

Algren had been desperate to join the WPA, according to his biographer, Bettina Drew, In "Nelson Algren: A Life on the Wild Side" Drew wrote of the writer's depression over the financial and critical failure of his first novel, "Somebody in Boots," published in 1935, a suicide attempt soon after, and an enforced stay in a mental hospital.

Penniless and unemployed, she said, Algren pulled every literary string he could to get hired on at the Illinois Writers' Project, a branch of the WPA. Along with other future literary stars like Saul Bellow and Richard Wright, Algren helped write travel guides and collect folk tales. David E. Schoonover, curator of rare

books at the University of Iowa, said Algren's writing on Midwestern eating habits was part of a national project to record regional food ways. These manuscripts, he said, were filed away as the government turned its energies to mobilizing for war.
Although food was not Algren's usual

subject, "America Eats" comes alive with the same vivid writing and feeling for the underclass that illuminate his fiction.

His chapter on the settling of the plains, for example, describes white settlers who "descloted the Indian lands" by slaughter. "desolated the Indian lands" by slaughtering the buffalo for sport and littering the plains with carcasses. "By the time of the War Between the States the white had

ways than one," Algren writes. "In fact, he had just about put a stop to it altogether."

The book is peopled with "braves in buckskin," "blue-turbaned voyageurs," "drawling steamboat men," "Negro fish vendors," "Irish section hands."

modified the Indian's natural diet in more

In its pages, hard-working women of every ethnicity slave over wood-and coalgas-fired stoves to produce the foods of their homelands.

The book is also laced with the humor that, in his fiction, Algren employed to lighten the otherwise unrelievedly bleak landscapes of urban poverty and human despair, Michigan is dubbed "the land of mighty breakfasts."

He writes of an "old French custom"

that "lends an added zest to holiday suppers," the making of bouillon using stolen chickens: "To invite a neighbor to dine on his own fowl is considered a social grace, to be caught prowling in the henhouse is something else."

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#### PEOPLE

Princess Anne Granted Divorce From Phillips

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Former British Prime Minister Edward Heath, 75. has been named Knight Companion of the Mon Noble Order of the Garter, Heath is the sixth former prime minister queen. The others are Whiston Churchill, Anthony Eden, Clement Attlee, Harold Wilson and James Callaghan. to receive the honor from the

The Nobel Peace Prize may still be cluding James Baker, the American secretary of state, but he can't complain that his work on behalf of monkeys hasn't been noticed. Baker and Edward Bass of the Texas oil family will receive the first Jane Goodall Institute International Conservation awards. At Goodall's urging, Baker has approached several East African countries to urge vigorous enforcement of laws ainst poaching the chimpanzes that Goodall studies. Bass gives money to the institute.

King Juan Carlos I has presented Francisco Ayala, 85, with the 1991 Cervantes Prize for Literature, the Spanish-speaking world's top literary award. The prize is worth more than \$100,000. Ayala, who spent decades in exile following the Spanish Civil War, said being able to receive the prize in person was one of his life's final obligations. He said the award, on the 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America, "reaffirms my profound affinity with the New

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